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ISAHLUKO 1

1 UNkulunkulu wathi: “Masenze umuntu ngomfanekiso wethu, ngokufana nathi, uNkulunkulu wamdala umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe.”
2 UNkulunkulu wabumba umuntu ngomhlabathi, waphefumulela emakhaleni akhe umoya wokuphila, umuntu waba ngumphefumulo ophilayo ophakanyiswe ukukhuluma.
3 INkosi yathi: “Akukuhle ukuba umuntu abe yedwa; ngiyakumenzela umsizi.”
4 INkosi yamenza u-Adamu walala ubuthongo obukhulu, walala, yathatha olunye lwezimbambo zakhe, yakha inyama phezu kwalo, yalubumba, yaluyisa ku-Adamu. U-Adamu wavuka ebuthongweni bakhe, bheka, owesifazane wayemi phambi kwakhe.
5 Wayesethi, Lona uyithambo lamathambo ami futhi uzobizwa ngokuthi owesifazane, ngoba lo uthathwe endodeni; futhi u-Adamu wamqamba igama lokuthi u-Eva, ngoba wayengunina wabo bonke abaphilayo.
6 UNkulunkulu wababusisa, wabaqamba ngokuthi u-Adamu no-Eva ngosuku abadala ngalo, uJehova uNkulunkulu wathi: “Zalani nande, nigcwalise umhlaba.”
7 UJehova uNkulunkulu wathatha u-Adamu nomkakhe, wababeka ensimini yase-Edene ukuba bayilime futhi bayigcine; wabayala wathi kubo: “Ningadla kuyo yonke imithi yensimu, kodwa ningadli emthini wokwazi okuhle nokubi, ngoba ngosuku enidla ngalo kuwo niyakufa nokufa.”
8 Kwathi lapho uNkulunkulu esebabusisile futhi ebayalile, wasuka kubo, u-Adamu nomkakhe bahlala ensimini ngokomyalo iNkosi eyayibayalile ngawo.
9 Inyoka, uNkulunkulu ayeyidalile nabo emhlabeni, yeza kubo ukuzobakhuthaza ukuba beqe umyalo kaNkulunkulu ayebayale ngawo.
10 Inyoka yamyenga futhi yamncenga owesifazane ukuba adle emthini wolwazi, owesifazane walalela izwi lenyoka, futhi weqa izwi likaNkulunkulu, wathatha emthini wolwazi lokuhle nokubi, wadla, futhi wathatha kuwo wanika nomyeni wakhe naye wadla.
11 U-Adamu nomkakhe baphula umyalo kaNkulunkulu ayebayale ngawo, uNkulunkulu wakwazi lokho, intukuthelo yakhe yabavuthela wabaqalekisa.
12 INkosi uNkulunkulu yabaxosha ngalolo suku ensimini yase-Edene, ukuze balime umhlabathi abathathwe kuwo; bahamba bahlala ngasempumalanga yensimu yase-Edene; u-Adamu wamazi umkakhe u-Eva, wazala amadodana amabili namadodakazi amathathu.
13 Waqamba igama lezibulo ngokuthi uKayini, ethi: “Ngithole indoda kuJehova,” negama lenye waliqamba ngokuthi u-Abela, ngokuba wathi: “Safika ngeze emhlabeni, sasuswa kuwo ngeze.”
14 Abafana bakhula, uyise wabanika ifa ezweni; uKayini waba ngumlimi womhlabathi, u-Abela waba ngumalusi wezimvu.
15 Kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka embalwa, baletha umnikelo kuJehova, uKayini waletha izithelo zomhlabathi, no-Abela waletha amazibulo ezimvu zakhe anonileyo; uNkulunkulu waphendukela ku-Abela nomnikelo wakhe; kwehla umlilo uvela kuJehova ezulwini, wawuqeda.
16 Kodwa iNkosi ayizange imbheke uKayini nomnikelo wakhe, futhi ayizange imthande, ngoba wayelethe izithelo zomhlabathi eziphansi phambi kweNkosi, futhi uKayini waba nomhawu ngomfowabo u-Abela ngenxa yalokhu, wafuna isizathu sokumbulala.
17 Ngemva kwesikhathi esithile, uKayini no-Abela umfowabo, baya ensimini ngolunye usuku ukuyokwenza umsebenzi wabo; bobabili babesensimini, uKayini elima futhi elima insimu yakhe, no-Abela elusa umhlambi wakhe; umhlambi wadlula kuleyo ndawo uKayini ayeyilimile emhlabathini, futhi kwamdabukisa kakhulu uKayini ngenxa yalokhu.
18 UKayini wasondela kumfowabo u-Abela ngentukuthelo, wathi kuye: “Kuyini phakathi kwami nawe, uze uzohlala, ulethe imihlambi yakho ukuba idle ezweni lami?”
19 U-Abela waphendula umfowabo uKayini, wathi kuye: “Kuyini phakathi kwami nawe, ukuba udle inyama yezimvu zami, wembathe uboya bazo?”
20 Ngakho-ke susa uboya bezimvu zami ozigqokisile, ungibuyisele izithelo zazo nenyama yazo oyidlile; uma usukwenzile lokhu, ngiyakuhamba ezweni lakini, njengalokho ushilo.
21 UKayini wathi kumfowabo u-Abela: “Uma ngikubulala namuhla, ubani ozongibiza ngegazi lakho?”
22 U-Abela waphendula uKayini, wathi: “Impela uNkulunkulu owasenza emhlabeni, uzongiphindiselela, futhi uzofuna igazi lami kuwe uma ungibulala, ngoba iNkosi ingumahluleli nomlamuleli, futhi iyona ezophindisela umuntu ngokobubi bakhe, nomuntu omubi ngokobubi angase abenze emhlabeni.”
23 Manje, uma ungangibulala lapha, uNkulunkulu uyazi imibono yakho eyimfihlo, futhi uzokwahlulela ngobubi obumemezele kimi namuhla.
24 Kwathi lapho uKayini ezwa amazwi u-Abela umfowabo ayewakhulumile, bheka intukuthelo kaKayini yavutha kumfowabo u-Abela ngokumemezela le nto.
25 UKayini washesha wasukuma, wathatha ingxenye yensimbi yesitsha sakhe sokulima, ashaya ngaso umfowabo ngokuzumayo, wambulala; uKayini wachitha igazi lomfowabo u-Abela emhlabathini, igazi lika-Abela lasakazeka emhlabathini phambi komhlambi.
26 Ngemva kwalokhu uKayini waphenduka esebulele umfowabo, futhi waba lusizi ngokudabukisayo, futhi wamkhalela futhi kwamkhathaza kakhulu.
27 UKhayini wasukuma wemba umgodi ensimini, wabeka khona isidumbu somfowabo, wasigubungula ngothuli.
28 UJehova wayesazi ukuthi uKayini wayekwenzeni kumfowabo, uJehova wabonakala kuKayini wathi kuye: “Uphi umfowenu u-Abela owayenawe?”
29 UKayini wakhohlisa wathi: “Angazi, ngingumlindi womfowethu na?” UJehova wathi kuye: “Wenzeni na? Izwi legazi lomfowenu liyakhala kimi livela emhlabathini lapho umbulele khona.”
30 Ngoba ubulele umfowenu, wazifihla phambi kwami, wacabanga enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi angikubonanga, futhi angizazi zonke izenzo zakho.
31 Kodwa wenze lokhu, wabulala umfowenu ngeze, ngokuba ekhulume kahle kuwe; ngalokho-ke uqalekisiwe emhlabathini owavula umlomo wawo ukwamukela igazi lomfowenu esandleni sakho, nowamngcwaba kuwo.

32 Kuzakuthi-ke uma ulima, akusayikukunika amandla alo njengasekuqaleni, ngokuba umhlabathi uyakuthela ameva namakhakhasi, wena uzulazule emhlabeni kuze kube lusuku lokufa kwakho.
33 Ngaleso sikhathi uKayini wasuka ebusweni bukaJehova, lapho ayekhona, wahambahamba ezweni ngasempumalanga ye-Edene, yena nakho konke okwakungokwakhe.
34 UKayini wamazi umkakhe ngalezo zinsuku, wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi u-Enoke, ethi: "Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova waqala ukumnika ukuphumula nokuthula emhlabeni."
35 Ngaleso sikhathi uKayini naye waqala ukwakha umuzi: wakha umuzi, wawuqamba ngokuthi u-Enoke, ngokwegama lendodana yakhe; ngokuba ngalezo zinsuku uJehova wayemphumuzile emhlabeni, futhi akazange azulazule njengasekuqaleni.
36 U-Enoke wazala u-Irade, u-Irade wazala uMechuyayeli, uMechuyayeli wazala uMethusayeli.

ISAHLUKO 2

1 Kwathi ngonyaka wekhulu namashumi amathathu wokuphila kuka-Adamu emhlabeni, waphinde wamazi u-Eva umkakhe, wakhulelwa wazala indodana efana naye nangomfanekiso wakhe, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uSeti, ethi: "Ngokuba uNkulunkulu ungibekele enye inzalo esikhundleni sika-Abela, ngokuba uKayini umbulele."
2 USeti waphila iminyaka eyikhulu nanhlanu, wazala indodana; uSeti waqamba indodana yakhe ngokuthi u-Enoshe, ethi, "Ngoba ngaleso sikhathi abantwana babantu baqala ukwanda, nokuhlupha imiphefumulo nezinhliziyo zabo ngokweqa nokuhlubuka kuNkulunkulu."
3 Futhi kwakungezinsuku zika-Enoshi lapho amadodana abantu aqhubeka nokuhlubuka nokuphambuka kuNkulunkulu, ukuze andise intukuthelo yeNkosi kubantwana babantu.
4 Amadodana abantu ahamba ayokhonza abanye onkulunkulu, akhohlwa uJehova owabadala emhlabeni; ngalezo zinsuku amadodana abantu enza izithombe zethusi nensimbi, ukhuni netshe, akhothama, azikhonza.
5 Bonke abantu benza unkulunkulu wabo, bakhothamela kubo, futhi abantwana babantu bamshiya uJehova zonke izinsuku zika-Enoshi nabantwana bakhe; intukuthelo kaJehova yavutha ngenxa yemisebenzi yabo nezinengiso ababezenza emhlabeni.
6 Futhi iNkosi yenza ukuba amanzi omfula iGihoni abagubungele, futhi yababhubhisa futhi yabaqeda, futhi yabhubhisa ingxenye yesithathu yomhlaba, futhi naphezu kwalokhu, abantwana babantu abazange baphenduke ezindleleni zabo ezimbi, futhi izandla zabo zazeluliwe ukwenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi.
7 Ngalezo zinsuku kwakungekho ukuhlwanyela nokuvunwa emhlabathini; futhi kwakungekho kudla kwabantwana babantu; futhi indlala yayinkulu kakhulu ngalezo zinsuku.
8 Imbewu abayihlwanyela ngalezo zinsuku emhlabathini yaba ameva, amakhakhasi namakhakhasi; ngoba kusukela ezinsukwini zika-Adamu kwakukhona lesi simemezelo mayelana nomhlaba, sesiqalekiso sikaNkulunkulu, asiqalekisa umhlaba, ngenxa yesono u-Adamu asona phambi kweNkosi.
9 Futhi kwakungesikhathi abantu beqhubeka nokuhlubuka nokweqa uNkulunkulu, nokonakalisa izindlela zabo, lapho nomhlaba wonakala khona.
10 U-Enoshe waphila iminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye, wazala uKhenani;
11 UKhanani wakhula, wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane ubudala, wahlakanipha, waba nolwazi nekhono kukho konke ukuhlakanipha, wabusa phezu kwawo wonke amadodana abantu, wahola amadodana abantu ekuhlakanipheni nasekwazini; ngokuba uKhanani wayeyindoda ehlakaniphile kakhulu futhi enokuqonda kukho konke ukuhlakanipha, futhi ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe wabusa phezu kwemimoya namademoni;
12 UKhenani wayazi ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayezobhubhisa abantwana babantu ngenxa yokona emhlabeni, nokuthi iNkosi yayizoletha phezu kwabo amanzi kazamcolo ezinsukwini zokugcina.
13 Futhi ngalezo zinsuku uKhanani wabhala ezibhebheni zamatshe, okwakuzokwenzeka esikhathini esizayo, wakufaka engcebweni yakhe.
14 UKhanani wabusa phezu komhlaba wonke, futhi waphendulela abanye bamadodana abantu enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu.
15 Kwathi uKhenani eseneminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa ubudala, wazala amadodana amathathu namadodakazi amabili.
16 Lawa angamagama abantwana bakaKhenani: igama lendodana yokuqala uMahalalele, nelesibili u-Enani, nelesithathu uMeredi; odadewabo babengo-Ada noSila; labo bangabantwana abahlanu bakaKhenani abazalelwa yena.
17 ULameka, indodana kaMethusayeli, wahlangana noKhanani ngomshado, wathatha amadodakazi akhe amabili aba ngabafazi bakhe, u-Ada wakhulelwa, wamzalela indodana uLameka, wayiqamba ngokuthi uJabali.
18 Waphinde wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uJubali; uZila, udadewabo, wayeyinyumba ngalezo zinsuku, engenabantwana.
19 Ngoba ngalezo zinsuku abantwana babantu baqala ukuphambuka kuNkulunkulu, nokuphula imiyalelo ayeyiyalile ku-Adamu, ukuze bazale futhi bande emhlabeni.
20 Abanye bamadodana abantu baphuzisa omkabo amanzi abandayo ayebenza babe yizinyumba, ukuze bahlale benomzimba omuhle futhi ukubukeka kwabo kungapheli.
21 Kwathi lapho amadodana abantu ephuzisa abanye abafazi bawo, uZila waphuza nabo.
22 Abesifazane ababeletha abantwana babebonakala benengeka emehlweni amadoda abo njengabafelokazi, kuyilapho amadoda abo esaphila, ngoba babenamathele kwabangenazinyumba kuphela.
23 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku neminyaka, uSila esemdala, uJehova wavula isizalo sakhe.
24 Wakhulelwa wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uThubali Kayini, ethi: "Ngemva kokuba sengibunile, ngiyitholile kuNkulunkulu uSomandla."
25 Wakhulelwa futhi, wazala indodakazi, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uNahama, ngokuba wathi: "Ngemva kobuna kwami, ngithole injabulo nentokozo."

26 ULameka wayesemdala, esekhulile ngeminyaka, namehlo akhe ayefiphele kangangokuthi wayengaboni, noThubali Kayini, indodana yakhe, wayemhola futhi kwaba ngolunye usuku uLameka waya endle noThubali Kayini indodana yakhe, kwathi besahamba endle, uKayini indodana ka-Adamu weza kubo; ngoba uLameka wayesemdala kakhulu futhi engaboni okuningi, kanti uThubali Kayini indodana yakhe wayesemncane kakhulu.
27 UThubali Kayini watshela uyise ukuba adonse umnsalo wakhe, futhi ngemicibisholo wamshaya uKayini, owayesekude, wambulala, ngoba wayebonakala kubo njengesilwane.
28 Imicibisholo yangena emzimbeni kaKayini nakuba ayekude nayo, wawela phansi wafa.
29 UJehova wamphindisela uKayini ububi bakhe njengobubi bakhe, abenzile kumfowabo u-Abela, njengezwi likaJehova alikhulumile.
30 Kwathi lapho uKayini esefile, uLameka noThubali baya ukuyobona isilwane ababesibulele, futhi babona, futhi bheka uKayini umkhulu wabo wayewile phansi efile.
31 ULameka wadabuka kakhulu ngokwenza lokhu, kwathi eshaya izandla zakhe washaya indodana yakhe wabangela ukufa kwayo.
32 Abafazi bakaLameka bezwa lokho uLameka ayekwenzile, base befuna ukumbulala.
33 Abafazi bakaLameka bamzonda kusukela ngalolo suku, ngoba wabulala uKayini noThubali Kayini, futhi abafazi bakaLameka bahlukana naye, futhi abazange bamlalele ngalezo zinsuku.
34 ULameka weza kubafazi bakhe, wabacindezela ukuba bamlalele ngale ndaba.
35 Wasesithi kubafazi bakhe u-Ada loZila, “Lalelani ilizwi lami, bafazi bakaLameki, lalelani amazwi ami, ngoba khathesi selicabange lathi, “Ngibulele indoda ngamanxeba ami, lomntwana ngamanxeba ami ngenxa yokungenzi ubudlova, kodwa yazini ukuthi sengimdala futhi ngimpunga, lokuthi amehlo ami anzima ngenxa yokuguga, futhi ngenze lokhu ngingazi.”
36 Abafazi bakaLameka bamlalela kule ndaba, babuyela kuye ngeseluleko sikayise u-Adamu, kodwa abazange bamzalele abantwana kusukela ngaleso sikhathi, bazi ukuthi intukuthelo kaNkulunkulu yayikhula ngalezo zinsuku ngokumelene namadodana abantu, ukubabhubhisa ngamanzi kazamcolo ngenxa yezenzo zabo ezimbi.
37 UMahalalele indodana kaKhenani waphila iminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu, wazala uJarede; uJarede waphila iminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nambili, wazala u-Enoke.

ISAHLUKO 3

1 U-Enoke waphila iminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu, wazala uMethusela; u-Enoke wahamba noNkulunkulu emva kokuzala uMethusela, wakhonza iNkosi, wazenyanya izindlela ezimbi zabantu.
2 Umphefumulo ka-Enoke wawunamathele emyalweni weNkosi, ngolwazi nasekuqondeni; futhi ngokuhlakanipha wasuka emadodaneni abantu, wazifihla kubo izinsuku eziningi.
3 Kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka eminingi, ekhonza iNkosi, ethandaza phambi kwayo endlini yayo, ingelosi yeNkosi yamemeza kuye isezulwini, yathi: “Ngilapha.”
4 Wayesethi: “Suka, phuma endlini yakho nasendaweni lapho uzifihla khona, ubonakale kubantwana babantu, ukuze ubafundise indlela okufanele bahambe ngayo nomsebenzi okumele bawufeze ukuze bangene ezindleleni zikaNkulunkulu.”
5 U-Enoke wasukuma ngokwezwi leNkosi, waphuma endlini yakhe, endaweni yakhe nasegumbini ayecashe kulo; waya emadodaneni abantu wabafundisa izindlela zeNkosi, futhi ngaleso sikhathi waqoqa amadodana abantu wabajwayelanisa nemfundiso yeNkosi.
6 Wayala ukuba kumenyezelwe kuzo zonke izindawo lapho amadodana abantu ayehlala khona, ethi, Uphi umuntu ofisa ukwazi izindlela zeNkosi nemisebenzi emihle? Makaze ku-Enoke.
7 Bonke abantwana babantu bahlangana kuye, ngoba bonke ababefisa lokhu baya ku-Enoke, futhi u-Enoke wabusa phezu kwabantwana babantu ngokwezwi leNkosi, futhi beza bamkhothamela futhi bezwa izwi lakhe.
8 Umoya kaNkulunkulu wawuphezu kuka-Enoke, wafundisa bonke abantu bakhe ukuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu nezindlela zakhe, futhi amadodana abantu akhonza iNkosi zonke izinsuku zika-Enoke, futhi beza ukuzozwa ukuhlakanipha kwakhe.
9 Futhi wonke amakhosi amadodana abantu, owokuqala nowokugcina, kanye nezikhulu zawo nabahluleli, beza ku-Enoke lapho bezwa ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, bamkhothamela, futhi bacela no-Enoke ukuba abuse phezu kwabo, lokho akuvuma.
10 Bahlanganisa bonke, amakhosi nezikhulu eziyikhulu namashumi amathathu, babeka u-Enoke inkosi phezu kwabo futhi bonke babengaphansi kwamandla akhe nokuqondiswa kwakhe.
11 U-Enoke wabafundisa ukuhlakanipha, ulwazi, kanye nezindlela zeNkosi; futhi wenza ukuthula phakathi kwabo, futhi ukuthula kwaba khona emhlabeni wonke ngesikhathi sokuphila kuka-Enoke.
12 U-Enoke wabusa phezu kwabantwana babantu iminyaka engamakhulu amabili namashumi amane nantathu, futhi wenza ubulungisa nokulunga nabo bonke abantu bakhe, futhi wabahola ezindleleni zeNkosi.
13 Lezi yizizukulwane zika-Enoke, uMethusela, u-Elisha, no-Elimeleki, amadodana amathathu; odadewabo kwakunguMelka noNahma, uMethusela waphila iminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesikhombisa, wazala uLameka.
14 Futhi kwakungonyaka wamashumi amahlanu nesithupha wokuphila kukaLameka lapho u-Adamu efa; wayeneminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi amathathu ubudala ekufeni kwakhe, namadodana akhe amabili, kanye no-Enoke noMethusela indodana yakhe, bamngcwaba ngenkazimulo enkulu, njengasekungcwatshweni kwamakhosi, emhumeni uNkulunkulu ayemtshelile wona.
15 Futhi kuleyo ndawo bonke abantwana babantu bakhala kakhulu ngenxa ka-Adamu; ngakho-ke sekuyisiko phakathi kwabantwana babantu kuze kube namuhla.

16 U-Adamu wafa ngoba wadla emthini wolwazi; yena nabantwana bakhe emva kwakhe, njengoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu yayishilo.
17 Futhi kwakungonyaka wokufa kuka-Adamu okwakungunyaka wamakhulu amabili namashumi amane nantathu wokubusa kuka-Enoke, ngaleso sikhathi u-Enoke wanquma ukuzihlukanisa namadodana abantu nokuzifihla njengasekuqaleni ukuze akhonze iNkosi.
18 U-Enoke wenza kanjalo, kodwa akazifihlanga ngokuphelele kubo, kodwa wazifihla kude namadodana abantu izinsuku ezintathu wabe eseya kubo usuku olulodwa.
19 Futhi phakathi nezinsuku ezintathu esegumbini lakhe, wathandaza, futhi wadumisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe, futhi ngosuku ahamba ngalo futhi wabonakala kubantu bakhe wabafundisa izindlela zeNkosi, futhi konke ababembuza kona ngeNkosi wayebatshela kona.
20 Wenza ngale ndlela iminyaka emininingi, futhi kamuva wazifihla izinsuku eziyisithupha, wabonakala kubantu bakhe ngosuku olulodwa kweziyisikhombisa; futhi ngemva kwalokho kanye ngenyanga, bese kuba kanye ngonyaka, kwaze kwaba yilapho wonke amakhosi, izikhulu namadodana abantu bemfuna, futhi befisa ukubona ubuso buka-Enoke, nokuzwa izwi lakhe; kodwa abakwazanga, njengoba wonke amadodana abantu ayemesaba kakhulu u-Enoke, futhi besaba ukusondela kuye ngenxa yokwesaba okufana noNkulunkulu okwakusebusweni bakhe; ngakho-ke akekho owayengambheka, esaba ukuthi angase ajeziswe afe.
21 Futhi wonke amakhosi nezikhulu banquma ukuhlanganisa amadodana abantu, nokuza ku-Enoke, becabanga ukuthi bonke bangakhuluma naye ngesikhathi lapho ezovela phakathi kwabo, futhi benza kanjalo.
22 Kwafika usuku lapho u-Enoke ephuma khona futhi bonke babuthana beza kuye, u-Enoke wakhuluma kubo amazwi eNkosi futhi wabafundisa ukuhlakanipha nolwazi, base bekhothama phambi kwakhe bathi, Kwangathi inkosi ingaphila! Kwangathi inkosi ingaphila!
23 Futhi esikhathini esithile ngemva kwalokho, lapho amakhosi nezikhulu namadodana abantu bekhuluma no-Enoke, futhi u-Enoke ebafundisa izindlela zikaNkulunkulu, bheka ingelosi yeNkosi yabe isibiza u-Enoke isezulwini, futhi yafisa ukumkhuphulela ezulwini ukuze imenze abuse lapho phezu kwamadodana kaNkulunkulu, njengoba ayebuse phezu kwamadodana abantu emhlabeni.
24 Lapho ngaleso sikhathi u-Enoke ezwa lokhu wahamba waqoqa bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni, wabafundisa ukuhlakanipha nolwazi futhi wabanika imiyalelo yaphezulu, wathi kubo, Kudingeka nginyukele ezulwini, ngakho-ke angazi usuku lokuhamba kwami.
25 Ngakho-ke manje ngizokufundisa ukuhlakanipha nolwazi, ngikunike iziyalezo ngaphambi kokuba ngikushiye, ukuthi uzoziphatha kanjani emhlabeni lapho ungaphila khona; wenza kanjalo.
26 Wabafundisa ukuhlakanipha nolwazi, wabanika isiyalo, wabasola, wabeka phambi kwabo izimiso nezahlulelo ukuba bazenze emhlabeni, wenza ukuthula phakathi kwabo, wabafundisa nokuphila okuphakade, wahlala nabo isikhathi esithile ebafundisa zonke lezi zinto.
27 Ngaleso sikhathi amadodana abantu ayeno-Enoke, futhi u-Enoke wayekhuluma nabo, futhi baphakamisa amehlo abo babona umfanekiso wehhashi elikhulu wehla ezulwini, futhi ihhashi lalihamba emoyeni;
28 Batshela u-Enoke lokho ababekubonile, u-Enoke wathi kubo, Ngenxa yami leli hhashi lehlela emhlabeni; isikhathi sesifikile lapho kumelwe ngisuke kuwe futhi ngeke ngisabonakala kuwe.
29 Ihhashi lehla ngaleso sikhathi, lama phambi kuka-Enoke, futhi bonke abantwana babantu ababeno-Enoke bambona.
30 U-Enoke wabe eseyala futhi ukuba kumenyezelwe izwi, lithi, Uphi umuntu othanda ukwazi izindlela zeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe, makeze namuhla ku-Enoke ngaphambi kokuba asuswe kithi.
31 Bonke abantwana babantu babuthana beza ku-Enoke ngalolo suku; futhi wonke amakhosi omhlaba kanye nezikhulu zawo nabeluleki bahlala naye ngalolo suku; u-Enoke wabe esefundisa amadodana abantu ukuhlakanipha nolwazi, wabanika isiyalo saphezulu; futhi wabayala ukuba bakhonze iNkosi futhi bahambe ezindleleni zayo zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwabo, futhi waqhubeka nokwenza ukuthula phakathi kwabo.
32 Kwathi ngemva kwalokho wavuka wagibela ihhashi; waphuma, bonke abantwana babantu bamlandela, kungathi amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili; bahamba naye uhambo losuku olulodwa.
33 Ngosuku lwesibili wathi kubo, Buyelani emakhaya enu, kungani nizohamba? mhlawumbe ningafa; abanye babo basuka kuye, nalabo abasala bahamba naye uhambo lwezinsuku eziyisithupha; u-Enoke wathi kubo nsuku zonke, Buyelani emakhaya enu, funa nife; kodwa babengathandi ukubuya, bahamba naye.
34 Kwathi ngosuku lwesithupha amanye amadoda asala, anamathela kuye, athi kuye: “Sizohamba nawe siye lapho uya khona; kuphila kukaJehova, ukufa kuphela okuzosahlukanisa.”
35 Base bemncenga kakhulu ukuba ahambe naye, waze wayeka ukukhuluma nabo; bamlandela kodwa ababuyanga;
36 Kwathi lapho amakhosi ebuya benza ukuba kubalwe abantu, ukuze kwaziwe inani lamadoda asele ahamba no-Enoke; futhi kwakungosuku lwesikhombisa lapho u-Enoke enyukela ezulwini ngesivunguvungu, enamahhashi nezinqola zomlilo.
37 Ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili wonke amakhosi ayeno-Enoke athumela ukubuyisa inani lamadoda ayeno-Enoke, kuleyo ndawo akhuphukela kuyo ezulwini.
38 Futhi wonke lawo makhosi aya endaweni athola umhlaba lapho ugcwele iqhwa, futhi phezu kweqhwa kwakukhona amatshe amakhulu eqhwa, futhi elinye lathi komunye, Wozani, masidabule iqhwa sibone, mhlawumbe amadoda asele no-Enoke afile, futhi manje angaphansi kwamatshe eqhwa, futhi amfuna kodwa akamtholanga, ngoba wayesenyukele ezulwini.

ISAHLUKO 4

1 Zonke izinsuku zika-Enoke emhlabeni zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu.
2 Kwathi lapho u-Enoke esenyukele ezulwini, wonke amakhosi omhlaba asukuma athatha uMethusela indodana yakhe ayigcoba, futhi ambeka ukuba abuse phezu kwawo esikhundleni sikayise.

3 UMethusela wenza ngobuqotho emehlweni kaNkulunkulu, njengoba uyise u-Enoke ayemfundisile, futhi naye phakathi nayo yonke impilo yakhe wafundisa amadodana abantu ukuhlakanipha, ulwazi kanye nokwesaba uNkulunkulu, futhi akaphambukanga endleleni enhle waya kwesokudla noma kwesobunxele.
4 Kodwa ezinsukwini zokugcina zikaMethusela, amadodana abantu ayifulathela iNkosi, bonakalisa umhlaba, baphanga futhi baphangana, futhi bahlubuka kuNkulunkulu futhi baphambuka, futhi bonakalisa izindlela zabo, futhi abazange balalele izwi likaMethusela, kodwa bahlubuka kuye.
5 INkosi yabathukuthelela kakhulu, iNkosi yaqhubeka nokubhubhisa imbewu ngalezo zinsuku, kangangokuthi kwakungekho ukuhlwanyela noma ukuvuna emhlabeni.
6 Ngoba lapho behlwanyela umhlabathi ukuze bathole ukudla kokusekela kwabo, bheka, kwavela ameva namakhakhasi abangazange bawahlwanyele.
7 Kodwa noma kunjalo abantwana babantu abazange baphenduke ezindleleni zabo ezimbi, futhi izandla zabo zaziseluliwe ukwenza okubi emehlweni kaNkulunkulu, futhi bayithukuthelisa iNkosi ngezindlela zabo ezimbi, futhi iNkosi yathukuthela kakhulu, yazisola ngokuthi yayidale umuntu.
8 Wacabanga ukubabhubhisa nokubabhubhisa, wakwenza lokho.
9 Ngalezo zinsuku lapho uLameka indodana kaMethusela eneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisithupha ubudala, uSeti indodana ka-Adamu wafa.
10 Zonke izinsuku zikaSeti aziphila zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye neshumi nambili, wafa.
11 ULameka wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili ubudala lapho ethatha u-Ashimuwa, indodakazi ka-Elisha indodana ka-Enoke, umalume wakhe, wakhulelwa.
12 Ngaleso sikhathi amadodana abantu ahlwanyela inhlabathi, kwavela ukudla okuncane, kodwa amadodana abantu awaphendukanga ezindleleni zawo ezimbi, futhi enza isono futhi ahlubuka kuNkulunkulu.
13 UmkaLameka wakhulelwa wamzalela indodana ngaleso sikhathi, ngokushintshashintsha konyaka.
14 UMethusela waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi uNowa, ethi: “Ezinsukwini zakhe umhlaba wawuphumulile, ungenakonakala.” ULameka uyise waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi uMenakhemu, ethi: “Lo uzosiduduza emisebenzini yethu nasekukhandlekeni kwethu okubi emhlabeni uNkulunkulu awuqalekisile.”
15 Umntwana wakhula, walunyulwa, wahamba ngezindlela zikayise uMethusela, ephelele futhi eqotho kuNkulunkulu.
16 Bonke abantwana babantu baphambuka ezindleleni zeNkosi ngalezo zinsuku njengoba banda ebusweni bomhlaba ngamadodana namadodakazi, futhi bafundisana imikhuba yabo emibi futhi baqhubeka nokona eNkosini.
17 Wonke umuntu wazenzela unkulunkulu, futhi baphanga futhi baphanga yilowo nalowo umakhelwane wakhe kanye nesihlobo sakhe, futhi bonakalisa umhlaba, futhi umhlaba wagcwala ubudlova.
18 Abahluleli babo nababusi babo baya emadodakazini abantu bathatha abafazi babo ngokuphoqa kubayeni babo ngokwentando yabo, futhi amadodana abantu ngalezo zinsuku athatha ezilwaneni zomhlaba, izilwane zasendle nezinyoni zezulu, futhi afundisa ukuxubana kwezilwane zohlobo olulodwa nolunye, ukuze acasule uJehova; uNkulunkulu wabona wonke umhlaba futhi wonakele, ngoba yonke inyama yayiyonakalisile izindlela zayo emhlabeni, bonke abantu nazo zonke izilwane.
19 INkosi yathi, Ngizomsusa umuntu engimdalile ebusweni bomhlaba, yebo kusukela kumuntu kuya ezinyonini zezulu, kanye nezinkomo nezilwane zasendle ezisendle, ngokuba ngiyazisola ngokuthi ngizenzile.
20 Bonke abantu ababehamba ngezindlela zeNkosi bafa ngalezo zinsuku, ngaphambi kokuba uJehova alethe okubi phezu komuntu ayekushilo, ngoba lokhu kwakuvela kuJehova, ukuze bangakuboni okubi uJehova ayekukhulumile ngamadodana abantu.
21 UNowa wathola umusa emehlweni eNkosi, iNkosi yamkhetha yena nabantwana bakhe ukuba bakhulise inzalo kubo ebusweni bomhlaba wonke.

ISAHLUKO 5

1 Futhi kwakungonyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nane wokuphila kukaNowa, lapho u-Enoke indodana kaSeti efa, eneminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu ubudala ekufeni kwakhe.
2 Ngonyaka wekhulu namashumi ayisikhombisa nesishiyagalolunye wokuphila kukaNowa, uKhenani indodana ka-Enoshe wafa, futhi zonke izinsuku zikaKhenani zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye neshumi, wabe esefa.
3 Ngonyaka wamakhulu amabili namashumi amathathu nane wokuphila kukaNowa, uMahalaleli indodana kaKhenani wafa, izinsuku zikaMahalaleli zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu, wafa.
4 UJarede indodana kaMahalleli wafa ngalezo zinsuku, ngonyaka wamakhulu amathathu namashumi amathathu nesithupha wokuphila kukaNowa; zonke izinsuku zikaJarede zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisithupha nambili, wafa.
5 Bonke ababelandela iNkosi bafa ngalezo zinsuku, ngaphambi kokuba babone ububi uNkulunkulu ayememezele ukuthi uzobenza emhlabeni.
6 Ngemva kokudlula kweminyaka emininingi, ngonyaka wamakhulu amane namashumi ayisishiyagalombili wokuphila kukaNowa, lapho bonke labo bantu, ababelandela iNkosi sebefile phakathi kwabantwana babantu, kwase kusele uMethusela kuphela ngaleso sikhathi, uNkulunkulu wathi kuNowa noMethusela, ethi,
7 Khulumani, nimemezele kubantwana babantu, nithi: ‘Isho kanje iNkosi, buyani ezindleleni zenu ezimbi, nishiye imisebenzi yenu, iNkosi izophenduka ebubini eyathi izobenza kini, ukuze bungenzeki.’
8 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi, Bhekani, ngininika isikhathi seminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili; uma nizophendukela kimi nishiye izindlela zenu ezimbi, nami ngizophenduka ebubini enginitshele bona, futhi ngeke bube khona, kusho iNkosi.
9 UNowa noMethusela bakhuluma wonke amazwi eNkosi kubantwana babantu, usuku nosuku, bekhuluma nabo njalo.
10 Kodwa abantwana babantu abazange babalalele, futhi abazange balalele amazwi abo, kodwa baba lukhuni.

11 INkosi yabanika isikhathi seminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili, yathi: “Uma bebuya, uNkulunkulu uzophenduka ebubini, angawubhubhisi umhlaba.”
12 UNowa indodana kaLameka wayezithiba ekuthatheni umfazi ngalezo zinsuku, ukuze angazali abantwana, ngokuba wathi: “Impela manje uNkulunkulu uzobhubhisa umhlaba, pho-ke ngizozala ngani abantwana?”
13 UNowa wayengumuntu olungileyo, wayephelele esizukulwaneni sakhe, futhi iNkosi yamkhetha ukuba akhulise inzalo enzalweni yakhe ebusweni bomhlaba.
14 INkosi yathi kuNowa: “Zithathele umfazi, uzale abantwana, ngokuba ngikubonile ulungile phambi kwami kulesi sizukulwane.”
15 Futhi uzokhulisa inzalo, nabantwana bakho kanye nawe, phakathi komhlaba; uNowa wahamba wathatha umfazi, wakhetha uNaama indodakazi ka-Enoke, eneminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili ubudala.
16 UNowa wayeneminyaka engamakhulu amane namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalombili ubudala, lapho ethatha uNaama ukuba abe ngumkakhe.
17 UNahama wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uJafete, ethi: “UNkulunkulu ungikhulisele emhlabeni.” Wakhulelwa futhi, wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uShemi, ethi: “UNkulunkulu ungenzele insali, ukuze ngiveze inzalo phakathi komhlaba.”
18 UNowa wayeneminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu nambili ubudala lapho uNaama ezala uShemi, futhi abafana bakhula bahamba ezindleleni zeNkosi, kukho konke uMethusela noNowa uyise ababafundisa kona.
19 ULameka uyise kaNowa, wafa ngalezo zinsuku; kodwa ngempela akahambanga ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke ezindleleni zikayise, wafa ngonyaka wekhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu wokuphila kukaNowa.
20 Zonke izinsuku zikaLameka zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisikhombisa, wafa.
21 Bonke abantu ababemazi uJehova bafa ngalowo nyaka ngaphambi kokuba uJehova abalethele okubi; ngoba uJehova wayefisa ukuba bafe, ukuze bangaboni okubi uNkulunkulu ayezokuletha phezu kwabafowabo nezihlobo zabo, njengoba ayeshilo.
22 Ngaleso sikhathi, uJehova wathi kuNowa nakuMethusela: “Sukumani nimemezele kubantwana babantu wonke amazwi engawakhuluma kini ngalezo zinsuku, mhlawumbe bangaphenduka ezindleleni zabo ezimbi, bese ngiphenduka ebubini ngingabulethi.”
23 UNowa noMethusela basukuma, basho ezindlebeni zamadodana abantu, konke uNkulunkulu ayekukhulumile ngabo.
24 Kodwa abantwana babantu abazange balalele, futhi abazange balalele konke ababekusho.
25 Kwathi ngemva kwalokhu iNkosi yathi kuNowa: “Ukuphela kwayo yonke inyama sekufikile phambi kwami, ngenxa yezenzo zayo ezimbi, futhi bheka, ngizobhubhisa umhlaba.”
26 Thatha imithi yegoferi, uye endaweni ethile, wenze umkhumbi omkhulu, uwubeke kuleyo ndawo.
27 Futhi uzoyenza kanje: ubude bayo buyizingalo ezingamakhulu amathathu, ububanzi bayo buyizingalo ezingamashumi amahlanu, nokuphakama kwayo kube yizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu.
28 Uzakwenza umnyango ovulekile ohlangothini lwawo, uqedele ubude bengalo eyodwa ngaphezulu, uwumboze ngaphakathi nangaphandle ngekolitayi.
29 Bheka, ngiyakuletha uzamcolo wamanzi emhlabeni, kubhujiswe yonke inyama; konke okusemhlabeni phansi kwezulu kuyakubhubha.
30 Wena nendlu yakho niyakuhamba nibuthe okubili kokubili kuzo zonke izilwane eziphilayo, okuduna nokwesifazane, nikulethe emkhunjini, ukuze kuvele inzalo emhlabeni.
31 Buthela kuwe konke ukudla okudliwa yizilwane zonke, ukuze kube nokudla kwakho nokwazo.
32 Uyokhetha amadodana akho amantombazane amathathu, emadodakazini abantu, abe ngabafazi bamadodana akho.
33 UNowa wasukuma, wakha umkhumbi, endaweni lapho uNkulunkulu ayemyale khona; uNowa wenza njengalokho uNkulunkulu ayemyalile.
34 Ngonyaka wakhe wamakhulu amahlanu namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu uNowa waqala ukwakha umkhumbi, futhi wawenza umkhumbi eminyakeni emihlanu, njengoba uJehova ayemyalile.
35 UNowa wathatha amadodakazi amathathu ka-Eliyakimi indodana kaMethusela, abe ngabafazi bamadodana akhe, njengalokho uJehova ayemyalile uNowa.
36 Futhi kwathi ngaleso sikhathi uMethusela indodana ka-Enoke wafa, eneminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisithupha ubudala, ekufeni kwakhe.

ISAHLUKO 6

1 Ngaleso sikhathi, ngemva kokufa kukaMethusela, iNkosi yathi kuNowa: “Ngena wena nendlu yakho emkhunjini; bheka, ngizokubuthela zonke izilwane zomhlaba, izilwane zasendle nezinyoni zezulu, zonke ziyofika zizungeze umkhumbi.”
2 Uzakuhamba uhlale ngasemnyango womkhumbi, bese kuthi zonke izilwane, izilwane, nezinyoni, zibuthane, zime phambi kwakho; bonke abayakufika bakhothame phambi kwakho, ubathathe, ubanikele ezandleni zamadodana akho, abayakubaletha emkhunjini; bonke abayakuma phambi kwakho uyakuphuma.
3 UJehova wakwenza lokhu ngosuku olulandelayo, futhi izilwane, izilwane nezinyoni zafika ngobuningi obukhulu zazungeza umkhumbi.
4 UNowa wahamba wahlala emnyango womkhumbi, wangenisa yonke inyama eyayimi phambi kwakhe emkhunjini, konke okwakumi phambi kwakhe wakushiya emhlabeni.
5 Kwafika ingonyamakazi, namathole ayo amabili, induna nensikazi, amathathu alala phansi phambi kukaNowa, amathole amabili avukela ingonyamakazi, ayishaya, ayixosha endaweni yayo, yahamba, abuyela ezindaweni zawo, alala phansi phambi kukaNowa.
6 Ingonyamakazi yabaleka, yema endaweni yamangonyama.
7 UNowa wakubona lokhu, wamangala kakhulu, wasukuma wathatha amaphuphu amabili, wawangenisa emkhunjini.

8 UNowa wangenisa emkhunjini zonke izidalwa eziphilayo ezazisemhlabeni, kwaze kwasala lutho ngaphandle kwalokho uNowa akungenisa emkhunjini.
9 Kwangena ababili kuNowa emkhunjini, kodwa ezilwaneni ezihlanzekile nezinyonini ezihlanzekile, waletha ababili ngambili, njengalokho uNkulunkulu ayemyalile.
10 Zonke izilwane, nezilwane, nezinyoni, zazikhona lapho, zazungeza umkhumbi yonke indawo, imvula yayingakafiki kwaze kwaba yizinsuku eziyisikhombisa ngemva kwalokho.
11 Ngalolo suku, iNkosi yabangela ukuba umhlaba wonke unyakaze, ilanga laba mnyama, izisekelo zomhlaba zazamazama, umhlaba wonke wanyakaziswa kakhulu, umbani wakhanya, ukuduma kwezulu kwaduma, yonke imithombo yomhlaba yaqhekeka, okwakungaziwa ngabantu ababehlala kuyo ngaphambili; uNkulunkulu wenza lesi senzo esinamandla, ukuze esabise abantwana babantu, ukuze kungabikho bubi emhlabeni.
12 Noma kunjalo abantwana babantu abavumanga ukubuya ezindleleni zabo ezimbi, bandisa intukuthelo kaJehova ngaleso sikhathi, abaze baqondisa nezinhliziyo zabo kukho konke lokhu.
13 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa, ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha wokuphila kukaNowa, amanzi kazamcolo afika emhlabeni.
14 Yonke imithombo yolwandle yaqhekeka, amafasitela asezulwini avuleka, imvula yana emhlabeni izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane.
15 UNowa nendlu yakhe nazo zonke izilwane eziphilayo ezazinaye bangena emkhunjini ngenxa yamanzi kazamcolo; uJehova wamvalela.
16 Bonke abantwana babantu ababesele emhlabeni, bakhathala ngenxa yobubi ngenxa yemvula, ngoba amanzi ayeqhubeka efika ngamandla emhlabeni, futhi izilwane nezilwane zazisazungeze umkhumbi.
17 Amadodana abantu abuthana ndawonye, amadoda nabesifazane abayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa, bafika kuNowa emkhunjini.
18 Bamemeza uNowa, bathi: “Sivule ukuze size kuwe ngomkhumbi—manje-ke siyakufani na?”
19 UNowa wabaphendula ngezwi elikhulu esemkhumbini, wathi: “Anihlubukanga yini nonke kuJehova, nathi akekho?” Ngakho-ke uJehova wanehlisela lobu bubi, ukunibhubhisa nokuniqeda ebusweni bomhlaba.
20 Akuyona yini le nto engangiyikhuluma kini eminyakeni eyikhulu namashumi amabili edlule, futhi anizange nilalele izwi leNkosi, manje senifisa ukuhlala emhlabeni?
21 Bathi kuNowa: “Sikulungele ukubuyela kuJehova; sivulele kuphela ukuze siphile, singafi.”
22 UNowa wabaphendula wathi: “Bhekani, njengoba nibona ukuhlupheka kwemiphefumulo yenu, nifisa ukubuyela kuJehova; kungani ningabuyanga kule minyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili, uJehova aninike yona njengesikhathi esinqunyiweyo na?”
23 Kodwa manje wozani ningitshele lokhu ngenxa yobunzima bemiphefumulo yenu, manje futhi iNkosi ngeke inilalele, futhi ngeke inilalele namuhla, ukuze ningaphumeleli ezifisweni zenu.
24 Amadodana abantu asondela ukuze angene emkhunjini ngenxa yemvula, ngoba ayengenakuyithwala imvula phezu kwawo.
25 UJehova wathuma zonke izilwane nezilwane ezazimi nxazonke zomkhumbi, izilwane zazehlula, zabaxosha kuleyo ndawo, yilowo nalowo wahamba indlela yakhe, bahlakazeka emhlabeni futhi.
26 Imvula yayisena phezu komhlaba, yehla izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane, amanzi agcwala kakhulu emhlabeni; yonke inyama eyayisemhlabeni noma emanzini yafa, kungakhathaliseki ukuthi abantu, izilwane, izilwane, izinto ezinwabuzelayo noma izinyoni zezulu, kwasala uNowa kuphela nalabo ababenaye emkhunjini.
27 Amanzi anda kakhulu emhlabeni, aphakamisa umkhumbi, waphakama emhlabeni.
28 Umkhumbi wantanta phezu kwamanzi, waphonswa phezu kwamanzi kangangokuthi zonke izidalwa eziphilayo ezazingaphakathi zaphenduka njengokudla okuphekiwe embizeni.
29 Ukukhathazeka okukhulu kwabamba zonke izidalwa eziphilayo ezazisemkhunjini, futhi umkhumbi wawusuzophuka.
30 Zonke izidalwa eziphilayo ezazisemkhunjini zesaba kakhulu, amabhubesi abhonga, nezinkabi zakhala, nezimpisi zakhala, nazo zonke izidalwa eziphilayo emkhunjini zakhuluma futhi zalila ngolimi lwazo, kangangokuthi amazwi azo afinyelela kude kakhulu, uNowa namadodana akhe bakhala futhi bakhala ezinkingeni zabo; babesaba kakhulu ukuthi base befikile emasangweni okufa.
31 UNowa wathandaza eNkosini, wamemeza kuye ngenxa yalokhu, wathi: “Nkosi, sisize, ngoba asinawo amandla okuthwala lobu bubi obusihaqile, ngoba amagagasi amanzi asihaqile, izifufula ezimbi zisesabise, izingibe zokufa zifikile phambi kwethu; siphendule, Nkosi, siphendule, khanyisa ubuso bakho kithi, ube nomusa kithi, usikhulule, usikhulule.”
32 INkosi yalalela izwi likaNowa, iNkosi yamkhumbula.
33 Kwadlula umoya phezu komhlaba, amanzi athula, umkhumbi wahlala phansi.
34 Imithombo yolwandle namafasitela asezulwini kwavalwa, nemvula evela ezulwini yanqamuka.
35 Amanzi ancipha ngalezo zinsuku, umkhumbi wahlala ezintabeni zase-Ararati.
36 UNowa wabe esevula amafasitela omkhumbi, uNowa waqhubeka ememeza eNkosini ngaleso sikhathi wathi, O Nkosi, owadala umhlaba namazulu nakho konke okukuwo, khipha imiphefumulo yethu kulokhu kuboshwa, nasejele osibeke kulo, ngoba ngikhathele kakhulu ukububula.
37 INkosi yalalela izwi likaNowa, yathi kuye: “Uma usuqedile unyaka wonke, uzophuma.”
38 Futhi ngesikhathi sokujikeleza konyaka, lapho unyaka ogcwele uNowa ehlala emkhunjini, amanzi oma emhlabeni, uNowa wasusa isembozo somkhumbi.
39 Ngaleso sikhathi, ngosuku lwamashumi amabili nesikhombisa lwenyanga yesibili, umhlaba wawusomile, kodwa uNowa namadodana akhe, nalabo ababenaye, abazange baphume emkhunjini kwaze kwaba yilapho uJehova ebatshela.

40 Kwafika usuku lapho iNkosi yabatshela ukuba baphume, futhi bonke baphuma emkhunjini.
41 Bahamba, babuyela yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe nasendaweni yakhe, uNowa namadodana akhe bahlala ezweni uNkulunkulu ayebatshele lona, bakhonza uJehova zonke izinsuku zabo, futhi uJehova wambusisa uNowa namadodana akhe ekuphumeni kwabo emkhunjini.
42 Wathi kubo: "Zalani, nigcwalise umhlaba wonke; baqine, nande kakhulu emhlabeni, nande kuwo."

ISAHLUKO 7

1 Lawa angamagama amadodana kaNowa: uJafete, noHamu, noShemi; bazalelwa abantwana emva kukazamcolo, ngokuba babethathe abafazi ngaphambi kukazamcolo.
2 Laba bangamadodana kaJafete: uGomere, noMagogi, noMadayi, noJavani, noThubali, noMesheke, noTirasi, amadodana ayisikhombisa.
3 Amadodana kaGomere kwakungu-Ashinazi, uRefati noTegarma.
4 Amadodana kaMagogi kwakungu-Elikhanafi noLubali.
5 Amadodana kaMadayi kwakungu-Akoni, uZeelo, uHazoni noLoti.
6 Amadodana kaJavani kwakungu-Elisha, noTharishishi, noKitimi, noDudonimi.
7 Amadodana kaThubali kwakungu-Arifi, uKhesedi noThaari.
8 Amadodana kaMesheki kwakunguDedoni, uZaroni noShebashini.
9 Amadodana kaTirasi kwakunguBenibi, uGera, uLupiriyoni noGilaki; laba bangamadodana kaJafete ngokwemindeni yawo, futhi inani lawo ngalezo zinsuku lalingamadoda angaba ngamakhulu amane namashumi ayisithupha.
10 Laba bangamadodana kaHamu: uKushe, noMitsirayimi, noPhuthi, noKhanani, amadodana amane; amadodana kaKushe kwakunguSeba, noHavila, noSabata, noRama, noSateka; amadodana kaRama kwakunguSheba noDedani.
11 Amadodana kaMitsirayimi kwakunguLudi, no-Anomu, noPhatrosi, noHasiloti, noHafitori.
12 Amadodana kaPhuthi kwakunguGebuli, uHadani, uBena no-Adani.
13 Amadodana kaKhanani kwakunguSidoni, noHeti, no-Amori, noGergashi, noHivi, no-Areki, noSeni, no-Arodi, noZimodi, noKamoti.
14 Lawa ngamadodana kaHamu, ngokwemindeni yawo, futhi inani lawo ngalezo zinsuku lalingamadoda angaba ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amathathu.
15 Laba bangamadodana kaShemi: u-Elamu, no-Ashuri, no-Arpakishade, noLude, no-Aramu, amadodana ayisihlanu; amadodana ka-Elamu kwakunguShushani, noMakhuli, noHarmoni.
16 Amadodana ka-Ashari kwakunguMirusi noMokili, amadodana ka-Arpakishadi kwakunguShelaki, no-Anari no-Ashikoli.
17 Amadodana kaLudi kwakunguPethori noBizayoni, amadodana ka-Aramu kwakungu-Uze, noKhuli, noGathe, noMashe.
18 Lawa ngamadodana kaShemi, ngokwemindeni yawo; inani lawo ngalezo zinsuku lalingamadoda angaba ngamakhulu amathathu.
19 Lezi ziyizizukulwane zikaShemi; uShemi wazala u-Arpakishade, u-Arpakishade wazala uShelaki, uShelaki wazala u-Ebere; u-Ebere wazala amadodana amabili; igama lomunye lalinguPhelege, ngokuba emihleni yakhe amadodana abantu ahlukaniswa, kwathi ezinsukwini zokugcina umhlaba wahlukaniswa.
20 Igama lesibili kwakunguYoktani, okusho ukuthi ezinsukwini zakhe izimpilo zamadodana abantu zazincipha futhi zincipha.
21 Laba bangamadodana kaJokothani: u-Alimodadi, noShelafi, noHazarmoveti, noJeraki, noHaduromi, no-Ozeli, noDikila, no-Obali, no-Abimayeli, noSheba, no-Ofiri, noHavila, noJobabi; bonke laba bangamadodana kaJokothani.
22 UPhelege umfowabo wazala uYene, uYene wazala uSerugi, uSerugi wazala uNahori, uNahori wazala uTera; uTera wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili ubudala, wazala uHarana noNahori.
23 UKushe indodana kaHamu, indodana kaNowa, wathatha umfazi ngalezo zinsuku esemdala, wazala indodana, bayiqamba ngokuthi uNimrode, bethi, Ngaleso sikhathi amadodana abantu aqala ukuhlubuka nokuphambuka kuNkulunkulu, umntwana wakhula, uyise wamthanda kakhulu, ngoba wayeyindodana yokuguga kwakhe.
24 Futhi izingubo zesikhumba uNkulunkulu azenzela u-Adamu nomkakhe, lapho bephuma ensimini, zanikwa uKushe.
25 Ngoba ngemva kokufa kuka-Adamu nomkakhe, izingubo zanikwa u-Enoke, indodana kaJarede, kwathi lapho u-Enoke ethathwa waya kuNkulunkulu, wazinika uMethusela, indodana yakhe.
26 Kwathi ekufeni kukaMethusela, uNowa wabathatha wabayisa emkhunjini, bahlala naye kwaze kwaba yilapho ephuma emkhunjini.
27 Kwathi ekuphumeni kwabo, uHamu weba lezo zingubo kuNowa uyise, wazithatha wazifihla kubafowabo.
28 Kwathi uHamu esezala uKushi izibulo lakhe, wamnika izingubo ngasese, bahlala noKushi izinsuku eziningi.
29 UKushe naye wazifihla emadodaneni akhe nakubafowabo, kwathi lapho uKushe esezele uNimrode, wamnika lezo zingubo ngenxa yothando lwakhe ngaye, uNimrode wakhula, kwathi lapho eneminyaka engamashumi amabili ubudala wazigqoka lezo zingubo.
30 UNimrodi waba namandla lapho egqoka izingubo, uNkulunkulu wamnika amandla namandla, waba ngumzingeli onamandla emhlabeni, yebo, wayengumzingeli onamandla endle, futhi wazingela izilwane futhi wakha ama-altare, wanikela ngezilwane phezu kwazo phambi kukaJehova.
31 UNimrode waziqinisa, wasukuma phakathi kwabafowabo, walwa izimpi zabafowabo nazo zonke izitha zabo ezazibazungezile.
32 Futhi iNkosi yanikela zonke izitha zabafowabo ezandleni zakhe, futhi uNkulunkulu wamphumelelisa ngezikhathi ezithile ezimpini zakhe, futhi wabusa emhlabeni.

33 Ngakho-ke kwaba yinto evamile ngalezo zinsuku, lapho umuntu ekhipha labo ayebaqeqeshele impi, wayethi kubo: Njengoba uNkulunkulu enza kuNimrode, owayengumzingeli onamandla emhlabeni, futhi owaphumelela ezimpini ezanqoba abafowabo, wabakhulula ezandleni zezitha zabo, uNkulunkulu makasiqinise futhi asisindise namuhla.
34 Kwathi uNimrode eseneminyaka engamashumi amane ubudala, ngaleso sikhathi kwaba khona impi phakathi kwabafowabo nabantwana bakaJafete, kangangokuthi base bephethwe yizitha zabo.
35 UNimrodi waphuma ngaleso sikhathi, waqoqa wonke amadodana kaKushe nemindeni yawo, amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amane namashumi ayisithupha, waqasha nabanye babangane bakhe nabantu ayebajwayele cishe amadoda angamashumi ayisishiyagalombili, wanikezwa inkokhelo yawo, wahamba nawo waya empini, kwathi esesendleleni, uNimrodi waqinisa izinhliziyo zabantu ababehamba naye.
36 Wathi kubo: "Ningesabi, ningesabi, ngokuba zonke izitha zethu ziyonikelwa ezandleni zethu, nenze kuzo njengokuthanda kwenu."
37 Bonke abantu abaya khona babengaba ngamakhulu amahlanu, balwa nezitha zabo, bababhubhisa, babanqoba, uNimrode wabeka izikhulu ezimi phezu kwabo ezindaweni zabo.
38 Wathatha abanye kubantwana babo njengesibambiso, bonke baba yizinceku zikaNimrodi nabafowabo, uNimrodi nabo bonke abantu ababenaye babuyela ekhaya.
39 Kwathi lapho uNimrode esebuyile empini ngenjabulo, ngemva kokunqoba izitha zakhe, bonke abafowabo, kanye nalabo ababemazi ngaphambili, bahlangana ukuze bambeke inkosi phezu kwabo, futhi babeka umqhele wobukhosi ekhanda lakhe.
40 Wabeka phezu kwabantu bakhe, izikhulu, abahluleli, nababusi, njengoba kunjalo phakathi kwamakhosi.
41 Wabeka uTera indodana kaNahori isikhulu sebutho lakhe, wamhlonipha futhi wamphakamisa ngaphezu kwazo zonke izikhulu zakhe.
42 Kwathi ngesikhathi ebusa ngokwesifiso senhliziyo yakhe, ngemva kokunqoba zonke izitha zakhe ezazimzungezile, wacebisana nabeluleki bakhe ukuba bakhe umuzi wendlu yakhe yesigodlo, futhi benza kanjalo.
43 Bathola isigodi esikhulu ngasempumalanga, bamakhela umuzi omkhulu nobanzi, uNimrode wawuqamba igama lomuzi awakha iShinari, ngokuba uJehova wayezithuntuthe kakhulu izitha zakhe, wazibhubhisa.
44 UNimrode wahlala eShinari, wabusa ngokuphepha, walwa nezitha zakhe wazinqoba, waphumelela kuzo zonke izimpi zakhe, umbuso wakhe waba mkhulu kakhulu.
45 Zonke izizwe nezilimi zezwa ngodumo lwakhe, zabuthana kuye, zakhothama phansi, zamlethela iminikelo, waba yinkosi nenkosi yazo, futhi zonke zahlala naye edolobheni laseShinari, uNimrode wabusa emhlabeni phezu kwawo wonke amadodana kaNowa, futhi wonke ayengaphansi kwamandla akhe neseluleko sakhe.
46 Umhlaba wonke wawunolimi olulodwa namazwi obunye, kodwa uNimrode akahambanga ngezindlela zeNkosi, futhi wayemubi kakhulu kunabo bonke abantu ababengaphambi kwakhe, kusukela ezinsukwini zikazamcolo kuze kube yilezo zinsuku.
47 Wenza onkulunkulu ngokhuni nangetshe, wabakhothamela, wahlubuka eNkosini, wafundisa bonke abantu bakhe kanye nabantu bomhlaba izindlela zakhe ezimbi; futhi uMardon indodana yakhe wayemubi kakhulu kunoyise.
48 Bonke abezwa ngezenzo zikaMardoni indodana kaNimrode bathi ngaye, "Kubabi kuvela ububi;" ngakho-ke kwaba yisaga emhlabeni wonke, esithi, "Kubabi kuvela ububi," futhi kwakusakhulunywa ngamazwi abantu kusukela ngaleso sikhathi kuze kube manje."
49 UThera indodana kaNahori, isikhulu sebutho likaNimrodi, wayemkhulu kakhulu ngalezo zinsuku emehlweni enkosi kanye nabantu bayo, futhi inkosi nezikhulu babemthanda, futhi bamphakamisa kakhulu.
50 UThera wathatha umfazi ogama lakhe kwakungu-Amthelo indodakazi kaCornebo; umkaThera wakhulelwa wamzalela indodana ngalezo zinsuku.
51 UThera wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa ubudala lapho emzala, uTera waqamba igama lendodana yakhe azalelwa yona ngokuthi u-Abrama, ngokuba inkosi yayimkhulisile ngalezo zinsuku, yamphakamisa ngaphezu kwazo zonke izikhulu zayo ezazinaye.

ISAHLUKO 8

1 Kwathi ngobusuku u-Abrama azalwa ngabo, zonke izinceku zikaThera, nazo zonke izihlakaniphi zikaNimrode, kanye nabakhaphi bakhe beza badla, baphuza endlini kaThera, bajabula naye ngalobo busuku.
2 Kwathi lapho bonke abahlakaniphileyo nabaqambi bephuma endlini kaThera, baphakamisa amehlo abo ezulwini ngalobo busuku ukuyobuka izinkanyezi, babona, futhi bheka inkanyezi enkulu kakhulu yavela empumalanga yagijima emazulwini, yagwinya izinkanyezi ezine ezinhlangothini ezine zezulu.
3 Bonke abahlakaniphileyo benkosi kanye nabaqambi bayo bamangala ngalo mbono, futhi abahlakaniphileyo baqonda le ndaba, futhi babazi ukubaluleka kwayo.
4 Bathi omunye komunye, Lokhu kubonisa umntwana ozelwe uThera ngalobu busuku, ozokhula futhi azale, ande, futhi adle umhlaba wonke, yena nabantwana bakhe kuze kube phakade, futhi yena nenzalo yakhe bayobulala amakhosi amakhulu, futhi badle ifa lamazwe abo.
5 Amadoda ahlakaniphileyo nabaqambi babuyela emakhaya ngalobo busuku, kwathi ekuseni bonke laba madoda ahlakaniphileyo nabaqambi bavuka ekuseni, babuthana endlini ethile.
6 Bakhuluma bodwa bathi: "Bheka, lesi sibonakaliso esisibonile izolo ebusuku sifihliwe enkosini, asizange saziswe yona."
7 Futhi uma le nto ifika enkosini ezinsukwini zokugcina, izothi kithi, Kungani ningifihlele le ndaba, bese sonke sihlupheka; ngakho-ke, masihambe siyotshela inkosi umbono esiwubonile, nencazelo yawo, bese sihlala sicacile.
8 Bakwenza lokho, bonke baya enkosini bakhothamela phansi, bathi: "Mayiphile inkosi, mayiphile inkosi."
9 Sizwile ukuthi uThera indodana kaNahori, isikhulu sempi yakho, uzalelwe indodana, safika endlini yakhe izolo ebusuku, sadla, saphuza, sajabula naye ngalobo busuku.
10 Kwathi lapho izinceku zakho ziphuma endlini kaThera, ziya emakhaya ethu ukuze zilale khona ubusuku,

saphakamisa amehlo ethu ezulwini, sabona inkanyezi enkulu ivela empumalanga, futhi inkanyezi efanayo yagijima ngesivinini esikhulu, yagwinya izinkanyezi ezine ezinkulu, ezivela ezinhlangothini ezine zezulu.
11 Izinceku zakho zamangala ngombono esawubona, zesaba kakhulu, sanquma ngombono, sazi ngokuhlakanipha kwethu incazelo efanele yawo, ukuthi le nto iphathelene nomntwana ozelwe uThera, ozokhula futhi ande kakhulu, abe namandla, abulale wonke amakhosi omhlaba, futhi adle ifa lawo wonke amazwe awo, yena nenzalo yakhe kuze kube phakade.
12 Manje nkosi yethu, bheka, sesikwazisile ngempela lokho esikubonile ngalo mntwana.
13 Uma kukuhle enkosini ukunika uyise inani lalo mntwana, sizombulala engakakhuli futhi ande ezweni, futhi ububi bakhe bukhule phezu kwethu, ukuze thina nabantwana bethu sibhubhe ngenxa yobubi bakhe.
14 Inkosi yasizwa amazwi abo futhi abonakala emuhle emehlweni ayo, yathumela yabiza uTera, uTera weza phambi kwenkosi.
15 Inkosi yathi kuThera: “Ngitshelwe ukuthi uzalelwe indodana izolo ebusuku, futhi ngale ndlela yabonakala ezulwini ekuzalweni kwayo.”
16 Ngakho-ke nginike umntwana, ukuze simbulale ngaphambi kokuba ububi bakhe busehlele, mina ngizokunika wena ngenani lakhe, indlu yakho igcwele isiliva negolide.
17 UThera waphendula inkosi, wathi kuyo: “Nkosi yami, nkosi, ngizwile amazwi akho, futhi inceku yakho izokwenza konke inkosi yayo ekufisayo.”
18 Kodwa nkosi yami, ngizokutshela okwenzeke kimi izolo ebusuku, ukuze ngibone ukuthi inkosi izonika inceku yayo iseluleko sini, bese ngiphendula inkosi ngalokho esanda kukusho; inkosi yathi: “Khuluma.”
19 UThera wathi enkosini: “U-Ayoni, indodana kaMoredi, ufikile kimi izolo ebusuku, wathi:
20 Nginike ihhashi elikhulu nelihle inkosi ekunike lona, ngizokunika isiliva negolide, kanye notshani nokudla ngenani lalo; ngathi kuyo: Linda ngize ngibone inkosi ngamazwi akho, futhi bheka noma yini inkosi ekushoyo, yilokho engizokwenza.
21 Manje nkosi yami, bheka, sengikwazisile lokhu, futhi ngizolandela iseluleko inkosi yami ezosinika inceku yayo.
22 Inkosi yasizwa amazwi kaTera, intukuthelo yayo yavutha, yambheka njengomuntu oyisiwula.
23 Inkosi yaphendula uTera, yathi kuye: “Uyisiwula, awunalwazi, noma awunakuqonda, ukwenza lokhu, ukunika ihhashi lakho elihle isiliva negolide noma utshani nokudla?”
24 Ingabe uswele isiliva negolide, kangangokuthi ungenza lokhu, ngoba awukwazi ukuthola utshani nokudla okondla ihhashi lakho? Futhi iyini isiliva negolide kuwe, noma utshani nokudla, ukuthi uphisane ngalelo hhashi elihle engikunike lona, elingenalo nelilodwa emhlabeni wonke?
25 Inkosi yayiqeda ukukhuluma, uTera waphendula inkosi, wathi: “Inkosi ikhulume kanje encekwini yayo;
26 Ngiyakuncenga, nkosi yami, nkosi, uthini kimi, uthi: ‘Nika indodana yakho ukuba siyibulale, mina ngizokunika isiliva negolide ngenani layo; ngizokwenzenjani ngesiliva negolide ngemva kokufa kwendodana yami? Ngubani ozongidla ifa? Ngokuqinisekile lapho ngifa, isiliva negolide kuzobuyela enkosini yami eyalinika lona.’
27 Kwathi lapho inkosi izwa amazwi kaTera, nomfanekiso eyawuletha ngenkosi, yamdabukisa kakhulu futhi yacasuka ngale nto, intukuthelo yayo yavutha ngaphakathi kwayo.
28 UThera wabona ukuthi intukuthelo yenkosi iyamvuthela, waphendula inkosi, wathi: “Konke enginakho kusezandleni zenkosi; noma yini inkosi efisa ukuyenza encekwini yayo, mayiyenze, yebo, ngisho nendodana yami, isezandleni zenkosi, ayinanani, yona nabafowabo ababili abadala kunayo.”
29 Inkosi yathi kuThera: “Cha, kodwa ngizoyithenga indodana yakho encane ngentengo.”
30 UThera waphendula inkosi, wathi: “Ngiyakuncenga nkosi yami, nkosi, ukuba inceku yakho ikhulume izwi phambi kwakho, inkosi izwe izwi lenceku yayo, uTera wathi: “Inkosi yami mayinginike izinsuku ezintathu ngize ngicabange ngale ndaba ngaphakathi kimi, ngibonisane nomndeni wami ngamazwi enkosi yami; wacindezela inkosi kakhulu ukuba ivumelane nalokhu.”
31 Inkosi yamlalela uTera, wenza kanjalo, yamnika izinsuku ezintathu, uTera waphuma ebusweni benkosi, wafika ekhaya emndenini wakhe, wabatshela wonke amazwi enkosi; abantu besaba kakhulu.
32 Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu inkosi yathumela kuThera, yathi: “Ngithumelele indodana yakho ngentengo njengoba ngikutshelile; uma ungenzi lokhu, ngizothumela futhi ngibulale konke onakho endlini yakho, ukuze ungasali nenja.”
33 UThera washesha, (njengoba le nto yayiphuthuma enkosini), wathatha umntwana kwenye yezinceku zakhe, incekukazi yakhe eyayimzalele yona ngalolo suku, uTera wamletha umntwana enkosini, wathola inani lakhe.
34 INkosi yayinoTera kulendaba, ukuze uNimrode angambulali u-Abrama, inkosi yathatha umntwana kuTera, yawa phansi ngamandla ayo onke, ngoba yayicabanga ukuthi kwakungu-Abrama; futhi lokhu kwakufihliwe kuye kusukela ngalolo suku, futhi kwalibaleka yinkosi, njengoba kwakuyintando yoMbusi ukungavumeli ukufa kuka-Abrama.
35 UThera wathatha u-Abrama indodana yakhe ngasese, kanye nonina nomzanyana wakhe, wabafihla emhumeni, wabalethela ukudla kwabo njalo ngenyanga.
36 UJehova wayeno-Abrama emhumeni, wakhula, u-Abrama wahlala emhumeni iminyaka eyishumi, inkosi nezikhulu zayo, ababhula ngezinkanyezi nabahlakaniphileyo, bacabanga ukuthi inkosi yayibulele u-Abrama.

ISAHLUKO 9

1 UHarani, indodana kaThera, umfowabo omdala ka-Abrama, wathatha umfazi ngalezo zinsuku.
2 UHarana wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye lapho emthatha; umkaHarana wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uLoti.
3 Wakhulelwa futhi, wazala indodakazi, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uMilka; wakhulelwa futhi, wazala indodakazi, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uSarayi.

4 UHarana wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane nambili ubudala lapho ezala uSarayi, okwakungonyaka weshumi wokuphila kuka-Abrama; futhi ngalezo zinsuku u-Abrama nonina nomzanyana wakhe baphuma emhumeni, njengoba inkosi nabantu bayo babekhohliwe indaba ka-Abrama.
5 Kwathi lapho u-Abrama ephuma emhumeni, waya kuNowa nendodana yakhe uShemi, wahlala nabo ukuze afunde isiyalo seNkosi nezindlela zayo, futhi akekho owayazi ukuthi u-Abrama ukuphi, futhi u-Abrama wakhonza uNowa noShemi indodana yakhe isikhathi eside.
6 U-Abrama wahlala endlini kaNowa iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye, u-Abrama wayazi iNkosi kusukela eneminyaka emithathu ubudala, wahamba ngezindlela zeNkosi kwaze kwaba usuku lokufa kwakhe, njengoba uNowa nendodana yakhe uShemi babemfundisile; bonke abantwana bomhlaba ngalezo zinsuku baphambuka kakhulu eNkosini, bamhlubuka, bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, bamkhohlwa uJehova owayebadalile emhlabeni; abakhileyo emhlabeni bazenzela, ngaleso sikhathi, yilowo nalowo unkulunkulu wakhe; onkulunkulu bokhuni netshe ababengenakukhuluma, bezwa, noma bekhulula, futhi abantwana babantu babakhonza baba onkulunkulu babo.
7 Inkosi nazo zonke izinceku zayo, noThera nayo yonke indlu yayo ngaleso sikhathi babengabokuqala kulabo ababekhonza onkulunkulu bokhuni nabetshe.
8 UThera wayenonkulunkulu abayishumi nambili abakhulu, abenziwe ngokhuni namatshe, ngemva kwezinyanga eziyishumi nambili zonyaka, futhi wayekhonza ngamunye nyanga zonke, futhi njalo ngenyanga uTera wayeletha umnikelo wakhe wokudla nomnikelo wokuphuzwa konkulunkulu bakhe; wenza kanjalo uTera zonke izinsuku.
9 Futhi sonke leso sizukulwane sasibi emehlweni kaJehova, ngakho-ke benza yilowo nalowo waba unkulunkulu wakhe, kodwa bamshiya uJehova owayebadalile.
10 Futhi kwakungekho muntu owatholakala ngalezo zinsuku emhlabeni wonke, owayemazi uJehova (ngoba babekhonza yilowo nalowo uNkulunkulu wakhe) ngaphandle kukaNowa nomndeni wakhe, nabo bonke labo ababengaphansi kweseluleko sakhe babemazi uJehova ngalezo zinsuku.
11 U-Abrama indodana kaThera wayekhula kakhulu ngalezo zinsuku endlini kaNowa, futhi akekho owayekwazi lokho, futhi iNkosi yayinaye.
12 INkosi yamnika u-Abrama inhliziyo eqondayo, futhi wayazi ukuthi yonke imisebenzi yaleso sizukulwane yayiyize, nokuthi bonke onkulunkulu babo babeyize futhi babengenamsebenzi.
13 U-Abrama wabona ilanga likhanya emhlabeni, u-Abrama wathi kuye Impela leli langa elikhanya emhlabeni linguNkulunkulu, futhi ngizomkhonza.
14 U-Abrama wakhonza ilanga ngalolo suku, wathandaza kuye, kwathi lapho ilanga lishona njengenjwayelo, u-Abrama wathi ngaphakathi kuye: “Ngempela lo akuyena uNkulunkulu na?”
15 U-Abrama waqhubeka nokukhuluma ngaphakathi kwakhe, ethi: Ngubani owenza amazulu nomhlaba? Owadala emhlabeni? Uphi yena?
16 Ubusuku bamgubuzela, waphakamisa amehlo akhe entshonalanga, enyakatho, eningizimu, nasempumalanga, wabona ukuthi ilanga selinyamalele emhlabeni, nosuku lwaba mnyama.
17 U-Abrama wabona izinkanyezi nenyanga phambi kwakhe, wathi, Impela lo nguNkulunkulu owadala umhlaba wonke kanye nomuntu, futhi bheka laba zinceku zakhe bangonkulunkulu abamzungezile: u-Abrama wakhonza inyanga futhi wathandaza kuyo bonke lobo busuku.
18 Kwathi ekuseni sekusile, ilanga lakhanya emhlabeni njengenjwayelo, u-Abrama wabona konke uJehova uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile emhlabeni.
19 U-Abrama wathi kuye: Impela laba akusibo onkulunkulu abenza umhlaba nabo bonke abantu, kodwa laba bayizinceku zikaNkulunkulu, u-Abrama wahlala endlini kaNowa futhi lapho wayeyazi iNkosi nezindlela zayo' futhi wakhonza iNkosi zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakhe, futhi sonke leso sizukulwane sakhohlwa iNkosi, sakhonza abanye onkulunkulu bokhuni nabetshe, sahlubuka zonke izinsuku zaso.
20 Inkosi uNimrode yabusa ngokuphepha, futhi wonke umhlaba wawungaphansi kokulawula kwayo, futhi wonke umhlaba wawunolimi olulodwa namazwi obunye.
21 Zonke izikhulu zikaNimrode kanye namadoda akhe amakhulu bacebisana; uPhuthi, uMitzirayimi, uKushe noKhanani kanye nemindeni yabo, bathi omunye komunye: Wozani sakhe umuzi nombhoshongo oqinile kuwo, nesiqongo sawo sifinyelele ezulwini, sizenzele udumo, ukuze sibuse phezu komhlaba wonke, ukuze ububi bezitha zethu buphele kithi, ukuze sibuse phezu kwazo ngamandla, futhi singahlakazeki emhlabeni ngenxa yezimpi zazo.
22 Bonke baya phambi kwenkosi, bayitshela inkosi la mazwi, inkosi yavumelana nabo kule ndaba, yenza kanjalo.
23 Yonke imindeni yabuthana, yayinamadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha, yahamba yayofuna indawo enkulu yokwakha umuzi nombhoshongo, yafuna kulo lonke izwe, kodwa ayitholanga lutho olufana nesigodi esisodwa ngasempumalanga yezwe laseShinari, cishe uhambo lwezinsuku ezimbili, yahamba lapho, yahlala khona.
24 Baqala ukwenza izitini nokushisa imililo ukuze bakhe umuzi nombhoshongo ababecabanga ukuwuqeda.
25 Ukwakhiwa kombhoshongo kwaba yisiphambeko nesono kubo, baqala ukuwakha, kwathi ngesikhathi besakha ngokumelene neNkosi uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, bacabanga ezinhliziyweni zabo ukulwa nayo nokukhuphukela ezulwini.
26 Bonke laba bantu kanye nayo yonke imindeni bahlukana baba yizingxenye ezintathu; owokuqala wathi Sizokhuphukela ezulwini silwe naye; owesibili wathi, Sizokhuphukela ezulwini sibeke onkulunkulu bethu lapho sibakhonze; kanti owesithathu wathi, Sizokhuphukela ezulwini simshaye ngemicibisholo nangemikhonto; futhi uNkulunkulu wayazi yonke imisebenzi yabo kanye nayo yonke imicabango yabo emibi, futhi wabona umuzi nombhoshongo ababewakha.
27 Kwathi lapho besakha bazakhela umuzi omkhulu nombhoshongo ophakeme kakhulu noqinile; futhi ngenxa yokuphakama kwawo udaka nezitini akuzange kufike kubakhi ekukhuphukeni kwabo kuwo, kwaze kwaba yilapho labo ababekhuphuka sebeqedile unyaka wonke,

futhi ngemva kwalokho, bafinyelela kubakhi babanika udaka nezitini; kwakwenziwa kanjalo nsuku zonke.
28 Bheka laba benyuka kanti abanye behla usuku lonke; futhi uma isitini singawa ezandleni zabo bese siphuka, bonke babezosikhalela, futhi uma umuntu ewa futhi afe, akekho kubo owayezombheka.
29 Futhi iNkosi yayazi imicabango yabo, kwathi lapho besakha baphonsa imicibisholo ezulwini, futhi yonke imicibisholo yawela phezu kwabo igcwele igazi, kwathi lapho bebabona bathi komunye nomunye, Impela sibabulele bonke abasezulwini.
30 Ngoba lokhu kwakuvela eNkosini ukuze ibenze baphambuke, futhi ngendlela efanele; ukuze ibabhubhise ebusweni bomhlaba.
31 Bakha umbhoshongo kanye nomuzi, futhi bakwenza lokhu nsuku zonke kwaze kwadlula izinsuku eziningi neminyaka emininingi.
32 UNkulunkulu wathi ezingelosini ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa ezazimi phambi kwakhe, kulabo ababeseduze naye, wathi, Wozani sehle sididanise izilimi zabo, ukuze umuntu oyedwa angaluqondi ulimi lomakhelwane wakhe, futhi benza kanjalo kubo.
33 Kusukela ngalolo suku olulandelayo, bakhohlwa yilowo nalowo ulimi lomakhelwane wakhe, futhi babengenakukuqonda ukukhuluma ngolimi olulodwa, futhi lapho umakhi ethatha ezandleni zomakhelwane wakhe ilayisi noma itshe angazange aliyale, umakhi wayelilahla bese eliphonsa kumakhelwane wakhe, ukuze afe.
34 Benza kanjalo izinsuku eziningi, futhi babulala abaningi babo ngale ndlela.
35 INkosi yashaya izigaba ezintathu ezazilapho, futhi yabajezisa ngokwemisebenzi yabo kanye nemiklamo yabo; labo ababethi, Sizokhuphukela ezulwini futhi sikhonze onkulunkulu bethu, baba njengezinkawu nezindlovu; nalabo ababethi, Sizoshaya izulu ngemicibisholo, iNkosi yababulala, umuntu oyedwa ngesandla somakhelwane wakhe; kanye nesigaba sesithathu salabo ababethi, Sizokhuphukela ezulwini futhi silwe naye, iNkosi yabahlakaza emhlabeni wonke.
36 Labo ababesele phakathi kwabo, lapho sebekwazi futhi beqonda ububi obabuzobafikela, bashiya isakhiwo, futhi nabo bahlakazeka ebusweni bomhlaba wonke.
37 Bayeka ukwakha umuzi nombhoshongo; ngakho-ke wabiza leyo ndawo ngokuthi iBabele, ngokuba uJehova wasanganisa khona ulimi lomhlaba wonke; bheka, lwalusempumalanga yezwe laseShinari.
38 Ngokuphathelene nombhoshongo owakhiwa ngamadodana abantu, umhlaba wavula umlomo wawo wagwinya ingxenye yesithathu yawo, nomlilo wehla uvela ezulwini washisa enye ingxenye yesithathu, kanti enye ingxenye yesithathu isasele kuze kube namuhla, futhi iyingxenye yaleyo ngxenye eyayiphezulu, futhi umjikelezo wayo uhamba izinsuku ezintathu.
39 Futhi amadodana abantu amaningi afela kulowo mbhoshongo, abantu abangenakubalwa.

ISAHLUKO 10

1 UPhelege indodana ka-Ebere wafa ngalezo zinsuku ngomnyaka wamashumi amane nesishiyagalombili wokuphila kuka-Abrama indodana kaThera. Zonke izinsuku zikaPhelege zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili namashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye.
2 Kwathi lapho iNkosi isihlakazile abantwana babantu ngenxa yesono sabo embhoshongweni, bheka basakazeka baba yizigaba eziningi, futhi bonke abantwana babantu bahlakazeka emagumbini amane omhlaba.
3 Zonke imindeni zaba yileyo naleyo ngokolimi lwayo, izwe layo, noma idolobha layo.
4 Abantwana babantu bakha imizi emininingi ngokwemindeni yabo, kuzo zonke izindawo ababehamba kuzo, nasemhlabeni wonke lapho uJehova ayebahlakazele khona.
5 Futhi abanye babo bakha imizi ezindaweni lapho basuswa khona kamuva, futhi baqamba le mizi ngamagama abo, noma amagama abantwana babo, noma ngokwezehlakalo zabo ezithile.
6 Amadodana kaJafete indodana kaNowa ahamba azakhela imizi ezindaweni lapho ayehlakazekele khona, futhi aqamba yonke imizi yawo ngamagama awo, futhi amadodana kaJafete ahlukana ebusweni bomhlaba ngezigaba eziningi nezilimi.
7 Laba bangamadodana kaJafete ngemindeni yawo: uGomere, uMagoge, uMedayi, uJavani, uThubali, uMesheke, noTirasi; laba bangabantwana bakaJafete ngezizukulwane zabo.
8 Abantwana bakaGomere, ngokwemizi yabo, kwakunguFrancum, abahlala ezweni laseFranza, ngasemfuleni iFranza, ngasemfuleni iSena.
9 Futhi abantwana bamaRefathi ngamaBartoni, ahlala ezweni laseBartoniya ngasemfuleni iLeda, othulula amanzi awo olwandle olukhulu iGihoni, okungukuthi, i-Oceanus.
10 Abantwana bakaTugarma babeyimindeni eyishumi, futhi lawa amagama abo: uBuzar, uParzunac, uBalgar, uElicanum, uRagbib, uTarki, uBid, uZebuc, u-Ongal noTilmaz; bonke laba basakazeka futhi bahlala enyakatho futhi bazakhela imizi.
11 Baqamba imizi yabo ngamagama abo, yibo abahlala ngasemfuleni iHithila ne-Ithala kuze kube namuhla.
12 Kodwa imindeni yama-Angoli, iBalgar neParzunac, yahlala ngasemfuleni omkhulu iDubnee; futhi amagama emizi yawo nawo anjengokwamagama awo.
13 Abantwana bakaJavani ngamaJavani ahlala ezweni laseMakdoniya, nabantwana bakaMedaiyare ngama-Orelum ahlala ezweni laseKursoni, nabantwana bakaThubali yilabo abahlala ezweni laseTuskana ngasemfuleni iPhashiya.
14 Abantwana bakaMesheki babengamaShibashi, nabantwana bakaTira babe nguRushashi, uKushi, no-Ongoli; bonke laba bahamba bazakhela imizi; leyo yimizi eseduze nolwandle iJabus ngasemfuleni iCura, othululela emfuleni iTragan.
15 Abantwana baka-Elisha bangama-Almani, futhi nabo bahamba bayozakhela imizi; leyo yimizi ephakathi kwezintaba zikaJobe neShibathimo; futhi kubo kwakungabantu baseLumbardi ababehlala maqondana nezintaba zikaJobe neShibathimo, futhi banqoba izwe lase-Italiya bahlala lapho kuze kube namuhla.
16 Futhi abantwana bakwaKitimi bangamaRomimi ahlala esigodini saseKhanopia ngasemfuleni iTibreu.
17 Futhi abantwana bakwaDudonim yilabo abahlala emizini yolwandle iGihoni, ezweni laseBordna.

18 Lezi kwakuyimindeni yabantwana bakaJafete ngokwemizi yabo nangezilimi zabo, lapho behlakazeka ngemva kombhoshongo, futhi baqamba imizi yabo ngamagama abo nangezindawo zabo; futhi lawa ngamagama ayo yonke imizi yabo ngokwemindeni yabo, abayakha ngalezo zinsuku ngemva kombhoshongo.
19 Amadodana kaHamu kwakunguKushe, uMitzirayimi, uPhuthi noKhanani ngokwezizukulwane zabo nemizi yabo.
20 Bonke laba bahamba bazakhela imizi lapho bebatholela khona izindawo ezifanele, bayiqamba imizi yabo ngamagama okhokho babo uKushe, uMitzirayim, uPhuthi noKhanani.
21 Abantwana bakwaMizrayim kwakungamaLudi, ama-Anami, amaLehabi, amaNafetuki, amaPatrusi, amaKasluki namaKafituri, imindeni eyisikhombisa.
22 Bonke laba bahlala ngasemfuleni iSihori, okungukuthi umfudlana waseGibhithe, bazakhela imizi, bayiqamba ngamagama abo.
23 Amadodana kaPatirosi noKasiloki ashada ndawonye, kwavela kuwo amaPhelishiti, nama-Azathimi, namaGerarimi, namaGithimi, nama-Ekronimi, yonke imindeni emihlanu; nawo azakhela imizi, ayibiza ngamagama awoyise kuze kube namuhla.
24 Abantwana baseKhanani nabo bazakhela imizi, bayiqamba imizi yabo ngamagama abo, imizi eyishumi nanye kanye neminye engenakubalwa.
25 Amadoda amane avela emndenini wakwaHamu aya ezweni lasethafeni; lawa angamagama amadoda amane, iSodoma, iGomora, i-Adima, neZeboyim.
26 Laba bantu bazakhela imizi emine ezweni lasethafeni, baqamba amagama emizi yabo ngamagama abo.
27 Bona nabantwana babo nabo bonke ababakhe bahlala kuleyo mizi, bazala, banda kakhulu, bahlala ngokuthula.
28 USeyiri indodana kaHuri, indodana kaHivi, indodana kaKhanani, wahamba wafumana isigodi maqondana neNtaba iParani, wakha umuzi lapho, wahlala khona, yena namadodana akhe ayisikhombisa nendlu yakhe, wawuqamba ngokuthi iSeyiri ngegama lakhe; yilelo lizwe laseSeyiri kuze kube namuhla.
29 Lezi ziyimindeni yabantwana bakaHamu ngezilimi zabo nangemizi yabo, lapho behlakazeka baya emazweni abo emva kombhoshongo.
30 Abanye babantwana bakaShemi indodana kaNowa, uyise wabo bonke abantwana baka-Ebere, nabo bahamba bazakhela imizi ezindaweni ababehlakazekele kuzo, bayiqamba imizi yabo ngamagama ayo.
31 Amadodana kaShemi kwakungu-Elamu, u-Ashuri, u-Arpakishade, uLudi no-Aramu, bazakhela imizi, bayiqamba ngamagama ayo yonke imizi yabo.
32 U-Ashuri indodana kaShemi namadodana akhe nomndeni wakhe baphuma ngaleso sikhathi, beyiqembu elikhulu kakhulu, baya ezweni elikude abalitholayo, bahlangana nesigodi esikhulu kakhulu ezweni ababeya kulo, bazakhela imizi emine, bayiqamba ngamagama abo nangezenzakalo zabo.
33 Lawa ngamagama emizi abayakha abantwana bakwa-Ashuri: iNineve, neReseni, neKhalaki, neRehobori; abantwana bakwa-Ashuri bahlala khona kuze kube namuhla.
34 Abantwana bakwa-Aramu nabo bahamba bazakhela umuzi, bawuqamba igama lomuzi ngokuthi i-Use ngegama lomfowabo omkhulu, bahlala kuwo; yilelo izwe lase-Use kuze kube namuhla.
35 Ngomnyaka wesibili ngemva kombhoshongo, indoda ethile yendlu ka-Ashuri, egama layo linguBela, yasuka ezweni laseNineve ukuyohlala nendlu yayo nomaphi lapho yayingathola khona indawo; bafika maqondana nemizi yasethafeni eliphambi kweSodoma, bahlala khona.
36 Lowo muntu wasuka wakha khona umuzi omncane, wawuqamba igama lokuthi iBela ngegama lakhe; yilelo lizwe laseSowari kuze kube namuhla.
37 Lezi ziyimindeni yabantwana bakaShemi ngolimi lwabo nemizi yabo, sebehlakazekile emhlabeni emva kombhoshongo.
38 Futhi yonke imibuso, imizi, kanye nemindeni yemindeni yabantwana bakaNowa yazakhela imizi emininingi ngemva kwalokhu.
39 Futhi bamisa ohulumeni kuyo yonke imizi yabo, ukuze balawulwe ngemiyalelo yabo; kanjalo nemindeni yonke yabantwana bakaNowa kuze kube phakade.

ISAHLUKO 11

1 UNimrodi indodana kaKushe wayesesezweni laseShinari; wabusa phezu kwalo, wahlala kulo; wakha imizi ezweni laseShinari.
2 Lawa angamagama emizi emine ayakhayo, wayiqamba ngamagama ngokwezehlakalo ezenzeke kuyo ekwakhiweni kombhoshongo.
3 Wabiza igama lokuqala ngokuthi iBabele, ethi: “Ngokuba uJehova wasanganisa khona ulimi lomhlaba wonke; igama lesibili walibiza ngokuthi i-Ereki, ngokuba uNkulunkulu wabahlakaza lapho.”
4 Owesithathu wabiza u-Eched, ethi kwakukhona impi enkulu kuleyo ndawo; owesine wabiza u-Kalna, ngoba izikhulu zakhe namadoda anamandla babhujiswa lapho, futhi bamcasula uJehova, bahlubuka futhi baphambuka kuye.
5 Kwathi lapho uNimrode esewakhile la madolobha ezweni laseShinari, wabeka kuwo abaseleyo babantu bakhe, izikhulu zakhe namadoda akhe anamandla asele embusweni wakhe.
6 UNimrodi wahlala eBabele, waphinde wavuselela ukubusa kwakhe phezu kwabanye abantu bakhe, wabusa ngokuphepha, futhi abantu nezikhulu zikaNimrodi bambiza ngokuthi u-Amrafeli, bethi embhoshongweni izikhulu zakhe namadoda akhe bawa ngamandla akhe.
7 Naphezu kwalokhu, uNimrode akabuyelanga eNkosini, waqhubeka ebubini futhi efundisa abantwana babantu ababi; futhi uMardon, indodana yakhe, wayemubi kunoyise, futhi waqhubeka nokwengeza ezinyanyeni zikayise.
8 Wabangela abantwana babantu ukuba bone, ngakho-ke kuthiwa: Kwababi kuvela ababi.
9 Ngaleso sikhathi kwakukhona impi phakathi kwemindeni yabantwana bakwaHamu, besahlala emizini ababeyakhile.
10 UKedorlawomere, inkosi yase-Elamu, wasuka emindeni yabantwana bakaHamu, walwa nabo, wabanqoba, waya emizini emihlanu yasethafeni, walwa nabo, wabanqoba, baba ngaphansi kolawulo lwakhe.
11 Base bemkhonza iminyaka eyishumi nambili, bemnika intela yonyaka.

12 Ngaleso sikhathi uNahori, indodana kaSerugi, wafa ngomnyaka wamashumi amane nesishiyagalolunye wokuphila kuka-Abrama indodana kaThera.
13 Kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amahlanu wokuphila kuka-Abrama indodana kaThera, u-Abrama waphuma endlini kaNowa, waya endlini kayise.
14 U-Abrama wayemazi uJehova, wahamba ngezindlela zakhe nangeziyalezo zakhe, uJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe wayenaye.
15 Ngalezo zinsuku uTera uyise wayeseyinduna yempi yenkosi uNimrode, futhi wayesalandela onkulunkulu abangaziwa.
16 U-Abrama wafika endlini kayise wabona onkulunkulu abayishumi nambili bemi lapho emathempelini abo, intukuthelo ka-Abrama yavutha lapho ebona lezi zithombe endlini kayise.
17 U-Abrama wathi: “Njengoba iNkosi iphila lezi zithombe aziyikuhlala endlini kababa; iNkosi eyangidalayo iyakwenza kimi kanjalo uma ngingaziphuli zonke ezinsukwini ezintathu.”
18 U-Abrama wasuka kubo, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha ngaphakathi kuye. U-Abrama washesha waphuma ekamelweni waya egcekeni elingaphandle likayise, wathola uyise ehlezi egcekeni, nazo zonke izinceku zakhe zinaye, u-Abrama weza wahlala phambi kwakhe.
19 U-Abrama wabuza uyise, wathi: “Baba, ngitshele ukuthi uphi uNkulunkulu owadala izulu nomhlaba, nawo wonke amadodana abantu emhlabeni, owadala wena nami.” UThera waphendula indodana yakhe, wathi: “Bheka, labo abasidalile bakanye nathi endlini.”
20 U-Abrama wathi kuyise: “Nkosi yami, ake ungibonise zona.” UThera wamyisa u-Abrama ekamelweni legceke elingaphakathi, u-Abrama wabona, bheka, lonke igumbi laligcwele onkulunkulu bokhuni namatshe, izithombe ezinkulu eziyishumi nambili nezinye ezincane kunabo ezingenakubalwa.
21 UThera wathi endodaneni yakhe: “Bheka, yibo abenza konke okubonayo emhlabeni, futhi abadale mina nawe, nabo bonke abantu.”
22 UThera wakhothamela onkulunkulu bakhe, wabe esehamba kubo, no-Abrama, indodana yakhe, wahamba naye.
23 Kwathi u-Abrama esehambile kubo, waya kunina wahlala phambi kwakhe, wathi kunina: Bheka, ubaba ungibonisile labo abenza izulu nomhlaba, nabo bonke abantwana babantu.
24 Manje-ke shesha ulethe izinyane lembuzi emhlambini, ulenze ukudla okumnandi, ukuze ngiliyise konkulunkulu bakababa njengomnikelo wabo, mhlawumbe ngingamukeleka kubo ngalokho.
25 Unina wenza njalo, walanda izinyane lembuzi, walungisa ukudla okumnandi, waliyisa ku-Abrama; u-Abrama wathatha ukudla okumnandi kunina, wakuletha phambi konkulunkulu bakayise, wasondela kubo ukuba badle; kepha uyise uTera wayengazi.
26 U-Abrama wabona ngalolo suku ehlezi phakathi kwabo ukuthi babengenazwi, bengezwa, benganyakazi, futhi kungekho noyedwa kubo owayengalulela isandla sakhe ukuba adle.
27 U-Abrama wabahleka usulu, wathi: “Impela ukudla okumnandi engikulungisileyo akubajabulisanga, noma mhlawumbe bekuncane kakhulu kubo, futhi ngenxa yaleso sizathu abavumanga ukudla; ngakho-ke kusasa ngizolungisa inyama entsha emnandi, engcono neningi kakhulu kunale, ukuze ngibone umphumela.”
28 Kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo u-Abrama wayala unina ngokudla okumnandi, unina wavuka walanda amazinyane amathathu amahle emhlambini, wawaphekela ukudla okumnandi okumnandi, njengalokho indodana yakhe eyayikuthanda, wanika u-Abrama indodana yakhe; uThera uyise wayengazi ngakho.
29 U-Abrama wathatha ukudla okumnandi kunina, wakuyisa ekamelweni phambi konkulunkulu bakayise; wasondela kubo ukuba badle, wakubeka phambi kwabo; u-Abrama wahlala phambi kwabo usuku lonke, ecabanga ukuthi mhlawumbe bangadla.
30 U-Abrama wababuka, bheka, babengenazwi, bengenakuzwa, futhi akekho kubo owelulela isandla sakhe enyameni ukuba adle.
31 Kwathi kusihlwa ngalolo suku kuleyo ndlu u-Abrama wembathiswa uMoya kaNkulunkulu.
32 Wamemeza wathi, Maye kubaba nakulesi sizukulwane esibi, esinhliziyo zaso zonke zithambekele ekuzikhukhumezeni, esikhonza lezi zithombe zokhuni nezetshe ezingakwazi ukudla, ukuhogela, ukuzwa noma ukukhuluma, ezinemilomo engenazwi, amehlo angaboni, izindlebe ezingezwa, izandla ezingenamizwa, nemilenze engakwazi ukunyakaza; banjengabo labo ababenzayo futhi abathembela kubo.
33 Kwathi u-Abrama ebona zonke lezi zinto, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha kuyise, washesha wathatha isigqoko ngesandla sakhe, wafika ekamelweni lonkulunkulu, waphula bonke onkulunkulu bakayise.
34 Kwathi eseqedile ukuphula izithombe, wabeka imbazo esandleni sikankulunkulu omkhulu owayelapho phambi kwabo, waphuma; uTera uyise wafika ekhaya, ngoba wayezwile emnyango umsindo wokushaywa kwembazo; ngakho uTera wangena endlini ukuyobona ukuthi lokhu kuyini.
35 UThera wezwa umsindo wembazo ekamelweni lezithombe, wagijimela ekamelweni lezithombe, wahlangana no-Abrama ephuma.
36 UThera wangena ekamelweni wathola zonke izithombe ziwile phansi zaphuka, nembazo esandleni sesikhulu kunazo zonke, esingaphukanga, nokudla okumnandi u-Abrama indodana yakhe ayekwenzile kwakusekhona phambi kwazo.
37 Kwathi uThera ebona lokhu intukuthelo yakhe yavutha kakhulu, washesha wasuka ekamelweni waya ku-Abrama.
38 Wafumana u-Abrama indodana yakhe ihlezi endlini, wathi kuye: “Uyini lo msebenzi owenze konkulunkulu bami na?”
39 U-Abrama waphendula uTera uyise, wathi: “Akunjalo nkosi yami, ngokuba ngilethe ukudla okumnandi phambi kwabo, kwathi lapho ngisondela kubo nenyama abangayidla, bonke balula izandla zabo ngokushesha ukuze badle ngaphambi kokuba omkhulu elule isandla sakhe ukuze adle.”
40 Futhi enkulu yabona imisebenzi yabo ababeyenza phambi kwayo, futhi intukuthelo yayo yabavutha kakhulu, yahamba yathatha isigqoko esasisendlini, yafika kubo,

yasiphula sonke, futhi bheka isigqoko sisesandleni sayo njengoba ubona.
41 Intukuthelo kaThera yavutha ku-Abrama indodana yakhe, lapho ekhuluma lokhu; uThera wathi ku-Abrama indodana yakhe ethukuthele: "Indaba le oyikhulumile iyini na? Ungiqambela amanga."
42 Ingabe kukhona umoya, umphefumulo noma amandla kulaba onkulunkulu okwenza konke ongitshele khona? Ababona yini okhuni namatshe, futhi angizange ngibenze mina, futhi ungakhuluma amanga anjalo, uthi unkulunkulu omkhulu owayenabo ubashayile? Nguwe owabeka isando ezandleni zakhe, bese uthi ubashayile bonke.
43 U-Abrama waphendula uyise, wathi kuye: "Ungazikhonza kanjani-ke lezi zithombe okungekho amandla okwenza lutho kuzo? Ingabe lezo zithombe ozethembayo zingakusindisa? Ingabe zingayizwa imithandazo yakho lapho uzibiza? Ingabe zingakuhlenga ezandleni zezitha zakho, noma zingakulwela izimpi zakho nezitha zakho, ukuze ukhonze imithi netshe okungenakukhuluma nokuzwa?"
44 Manje akukuhle kuwe noma kubantwana babantu abaxhumene nawe, ukwenza lezi zinto; ingabe uyisiwula kangaka, uyisiwula noma uswele ukuqonda kangangokuthi uzokhonza ukhuni namatshe, futhi wenze ngale ndlela?
45 Nikhohlwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu eyadala izulu nomhlaba, futhi eyanidala emhlabeni, ngaleyo ndlela yaletha ububi obukhulu phezu kwemiphefumulo yenu kulendaba ngokukhonza amatshe nokhuni?
46 Obaba bethu ezinsukwini zakudala abenzanga yini isono kule ndaba, futhi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wendawo yonke yaletha amanzi kazamcolo phezu kwabo futhi yabhubhisa umhlaba wonke?
47 Futhi ningaqhubeka kanjani nokwenza lokhu futhi nikhonze onkulunkulu bokhuni namatshe, abangakwazi ukuzwa, noma ukukhuluma, noma ukunikhulula ekucindezelweni, ngaleyo ndlela behlisela intukuthelo kaNkulunkulu wendawo yonke phezu kwenu?
48 Ngakho-ke ubaba gwema lokhu, ungalethi okubi phezu kwakho naphezu kwendlu yakho.
49 U-Abrama washesha wasuka phambi kukayise, wathatha isibambo esithombeni esikhulu kunazo zonke sikayise, u-Abrama wasiphula wabaleka ngaso.
50 UThera, ebona konke u-Abrama ayekwenzile, washesha waphuma endlini yakhe, waya enkosini, wafika phambi kukaNimrode, wema phambi kwayo, wakhothamela inkosi; inkosi yathi, Ufunani?
51 Wathi, Ngiyakuncenga nkosi yami, ukuba ungilalele— Manje eminyakeni engamashumi amahlanu edlule ngizalelwe umntwana, futhi wenze kanjalo konkulunkulu bami futhi ukhulumile kanje; ngakho-ke, nkosi yami nenkosi, thumela ukuba eze phambi kwakho, umahlulele ngokomthetho, ukuze sikhululwe ebubini bakhe.
52 Inkosi yathuma amadoda amathathu ezinceku zayo, ahamba amletha u-Abrama phambi kwenkosi. UNimrodi nazo zonke izikhulu zakhe nezinceku zakhe babehlezi phambi kwakhe ngalolo suku, noThera naye wahlala phambi kwabo.
53 Inkosi yathi ku-Abrama: "Kuyini lokhu okwenzile kuyihlo nakonkulunkulu bakhe?" U-Abrama waphendula inkosi ngamazwi awakhuluma kuyise, wathi: "Unkulunkulu omkhulu owayenabo endlini wenze kubo lokho okuzwileyo."
54 Inkosi yathi ku-Abrama, "Babenamandla yini okukhuluma nokudla nokwenza njengoba ushilo?" U-Abrama waphendula inkosi, wathi, "Uma kungekho mandla kubo, kungani ubakhonza futhi ubangele ukuba amadodana abantu adukiswe ngobuwula bakho?"
55 Ucabanga ukuthi bangakukhulula noma benze noma yini encane noma enkulu, ukuze ubakhonze? Kungani ungamuzwa uNkulunkulu wendawo yonke, owakudala futhi onamandla akhe okubulala nokugcina uphila?
56 0 nkosi eyisiwula, elula, nengenalwazi, maye kuwe kuze kube phakade.
57 Bengithi uzofundisa izinceku zakho indlela eqondile, kodwa awukwenzanga lokhu, kodwa ugcwalise umhlaba wonke ngezono zakho kanye nezono zabantu bakho abalandele izindlela zakho.
58 Awazi yini, noma awuzwanga, ukuthi lobu bubi obenzayo, okhokho bethu bona kubo ezinsukwini zakudala, futhi uNkulunkulu waphakade waletha amanzi kazamcolo phezu kwabo wababhubhisa bonke, futhi wabhubhisa wonke umhlaba ngenxa yabo? Futhi ingabe wena nabantu bakho nizovuka manje nenze njengalo msebenzi, ukuze kwehliswe intukuthelo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wendawo yonke, futhi kwehliswe ububi phezu kwenu nakuwo wonke umhlaba?
59 Ngakho-ke lahla lesi senzo esibi osenzayo, ukhonze uNkulunkulu wendawo yonke, njengoba umphefumulo wakho usezandleni zakhe, khona-ke kuzokuhambela kahle.
60 Futhi uma inhliziyo yakho embi ingafuni ukulalela amazwi ami okukwenza ushiye izindlela zakho ezimbi, futhi ukhonze uNkulunkulu waphakade, khona-ke uzofa unamahloni ezinsukwini zokugcina, wena, abantu bakho nabo bonke abaxhumene nawe, nizwa amazwi akho noma nihamba ezindleleni zenu ezimbi.
61 Kwathi u-Abrama eseqedile ukukhuluma phambi kwenkosi nezikhulu, u-Abrama waphakamisa amehlo akhe ezulwini, wathi: "INkosi ibona bonke ababi, futhi izobahlulela."

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1 Kwathi inkosi isizwile amazwi ka-Abrama, yayala ukuba afakwe etilongweni; u-Abrama wahlala etilongweni izinsuku eziyishumi.
2 Ekupheleni kwalezo zinsuku inkosi yayala ukuba wonke amakhosi, izikhulu, nababusi bezifunda ezahlukene kanye nezihlakaniphi beze phambi kwayo, bahlala phambi kwayo, u-Abrama wayesesesendlini yokuboshwa.
3 Inkosi yathi ezikhulwini nasezihlakaniphini: "Nizwile yini ngalokho u-Abrama, indodana kaThera, akwenzile kuyise? Wenze kanjalo kuye, ngayala ukuba alethwe phambi kwami, wakhuluma kanje; inhliziyo yakhe ayizange imlahle, futhi akazange avuke phambi kwami, futhi bheka manje uboshiwe etilongweni."
4 Ngakho-ke nqumani ukuthi yisiphi isahlulelo esifanele lo muntu othuke inkosi, owakhuluma futhi wenza konke enikuzwile.
5 Bonke baphendula inkosi bathi: "Umuntu othuka inkosi makaphanyekwe emthini; kepha esekwenzile konke

akushilo, edelele onkulunkulu bethu, makashiswe, ngokuba yilo umthetho kule ndaba.”
6 Uma inkosi ithanda ukwenza lokhu, mayiyale izinceku zayo ukuba zibase umlilo ubusuku nemini esithandweni sakho sezitini, bese siphonsa lo muntu kuso.” Inkosi yenza kanjalo, yayala izinceku zayo ukuba zilungise umlilo izinsuku ezintathu nobusuku obuthathu esithandweni senkosi, esiseKasidi; inkosi yayala ukuba bakhiphe u-Abrama etilongweni, bamkhiphe ukuze ashiswe.
7 Zonke izinceku zenkosi, izikhulu, amakhosi, ababusi, nabahluleli, nabo bonke abakhileyo ezweni, amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye, bema phambi kwesithando somlilo ukuzobona u-Abrama.
8 Bonke abesifazane nabancane babuthana ophahleni nasezinqabeni ukuze babone ukuthi kwenzekani ngo-Abrama, futhi bonke bema ndawonye kude; futhi kwakungekho muntu osele ongafikanga ngalolo suku ukuzobona lesi senzakalo.
9 Kwathi u-Abrama esefikile, abalingisi benkosi nabahlakaniphileyo bambona u-Abrama, bamemeza enkosini, bathi, Nkosi yethu ebusayo, impela lo yindoda esiyaziyo ukuthi yayingumntwana okwazalwa ngaye inkanyezi enkulu yagwinya izinkanyezi ezine, esasimemezela enkosini eminyakeni engamashumi amahlanu kusukela lapho.
10 Bheka manje uyise naye weqe imiyalo yakho, wakuhleka usulu ngokukulethela omunye umntwana, owambulala.
11 Kwathi lapho inkosi izwa amazwi abo, yathukuthela kakhulu, yayala ukuba uTera alethwe phambi kwayo.
12 Inkosi yathi: “Uzwile yini lokho ababhuli abakushilo? Ngitshele iqiniso manje, wenze kanjani; uma ukhuluma iqiniso, uyakwahlulelwa.”
13 Ebona ukuthi intukuthelo yenkosi yayivutha kakhulu, uTera wathi enkosini: “Nkosi yami, nkosi, uzwile iqiniso, nalokho abahlakaniphileyo abakukhulumile kulungile.” Inkosi yathi: “Ungakwenza kanjani lokhu, weqe imiyalo yami, unginike umntwana ongamzalanga, futhi umthathele inani?”
14 UThera waphendula inkosi wathi: “Ngokuba imizwa yami yayivutha ngendodana yami ngaleso sikhathi, ngathatha indodana yencekukazi yami, ngayiyisa enkosini.”
15 Inkosi yathi, Ngubani okunike iseluleko ngalokhu? Ngitshele, ungangifihleli lutho, funa ufe.
16 UThera wesaba kakhulu phambi kwenkosi, wathi enkosini: “NguHarana indodana yami endala eyangitshela lokhu; uHarana wazalwa ngalezo zinsuku, eneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nambili.”
17 Kodwa uHarana akamelulekanga uyise lutho, ngoba uThera washo lokhu enkosini ukuze asindise umphefumulo wakhe enkosini, ngoba wayesaba kakhulu; inkosi yathi kuThera: “UHarana indodana yakho eyakweluleka ngalokhu iyakufa ngomlilo no-Abrama; ngoba isigwebo sokufa siphezu kwakhe ngoba ehlubukile isifiso senkosi ngokwenza lokhu.”
18 Ngaleso sikhathi uHarana wazizwa ethambekele ekulandeleni izindlela zika-Abrama, kodwa wazigcina ngaphakathi kuye.
19 UHarana wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: “Bheka, inkosi ibambe u-Abrama ngenxa yalezi zinto u-Abrama azenzileyo; kuyakuthi uma u-Abrama enqoba inkosi, nami ngiyakumlandela; kepha uma inkosi inqoba, ngiyakulandela inkosi.”
20 Kwathi uThera esekhulume lokhu enkosini ngendodana yakhe uHarana, inkosi yayala ukuba uHarana athathwe no-Abrama.
21 Base bebaletha bobabili, u-Abrama noHarana umfowabo, ukuba babaphonse emlilweni; bonke abakhileyo ezweni, nezinceku zenkosi, nezikhulu, nabo bonke abesifazane nabantwana, babemi lapho ngalolo suku phezu kwabo.
22 Izinceku zenkosi zathatha u-Abrama nomfowabo, zabakhumula zonke izingubo zabo ngaphandle kwezingubo zabo zangaphansi ezazibagqokile.
23 Base bebopha izandla nezinyawo zabo ngezintambo zelineni, izinceku zenkosi zabaphakamisa zabaphonsa bobabili esithandweni somlilo.
24 UJehova wayemthanda u-Abrama, waba nesihawu ngaye, uJehova wehla wamsindisa u-Abrama emlilweni, akashiswanga.
25 Kodwa zonke izintambo ababembophe ngazo zasha, u-Abrama wahlala ehambahamba emlilweni.
26 UHarana wafa lapho bemphonsa emlilweni, washiswa waba ngumlotha, ngokuba inhliziyo yakhe yayingaphelele kuJehova; labo bantu abamphonsa emlilweni, ilangabi lomlilo lasakazeka phezu kwabo, bashiswa, kwafa amadoda ayishumi nambili kubo.
27 U-Abrama wahamba phakathi komlilo izinsuku ezintathu nobusuku obuthathu, futhi zonke izinceku zenkosi zambona ehamba emlilweni, zafika zatshela inkosi, zathi: “Bheka, simbonile u-Abrama ehamba phakathi komlilo, ngisho nezingubo zangaphansi ezimgqokile azishiswanga, kodwa intambo ayeboshwe ngayo ishisiwe.”
28 Kwathi lapho inkosi izwa amazwi abo inhliziyo yayo yaphela amandla futhi ayizange iwakholwe; ngakho yathumela ezinye izikhulu ezithembekile ukuyobona le ndaba, zahamba zayibona zayitshela inkosi; inkosi yasukuma ukuyoyibona, yabona u-Abrama ehamba phakathi komlilo, yabona isidumbu sikaHarana sishiswa, inkosi yamangala kakhulu.
29 Inkosi yayala ukuba u-Abrama akhishwe emlilweni; izinceku zayo zasondela ukuze zimkhiphe kodwa azikwazanga, ngoba umlilo wawuzungezile nelangabi lenyuka libheke kubo livela esithandweni somlilo.
30 Izinceku zenkosi zabaleka, inkosi yazikhuza, yathi: “Sheshani nimkhiphe u-Abrama emlilweni ukuze ningafi.”
31 Izinceku zenkosi zasondela futhi ukuzokhipha u-Abrama, ilangabi lavutha phezu kwazo, lashisa ubuso bazo kangangokuthi abayisishiyagalombili bafa.
32 Kwathi lapho inkosi ibona ukuthi izinceku zayo azikwazi ukusondela emlilweni funa zishiswe, inkosi yabiza u-Abrama, nceku kaNkulunkulu osezulwini, phuma phakathi komlilo uze lapha phambi kwami; u-Abrama walilalela izwi lenkosi, waphuma emlilweni weza wema phambi kwenkosi.
33 Kwathi lapho u-Abrama ephuma inkosi nazo zonke izinceku zayo bambona u-Abrama eza phambi kwenkosi, egqoke izingubo zakhe zangaphansi, ngoba zazingashiswanga, kodwa intambo ayeboshwe ngayo yayishisiwe.

34 Inkosi yathi ku-Abrama: “Kungani ungashiswanga emlilweni?”
35 U-Abrama wathi enkosini: “UNkulunkulu wezulu nomhlaba engimethembayo, onamandla onke, ungikhululile emlilweni ongiphonsile kuwo.”
36 UHarana umfowabo ka-Abrama washiswa waba ngumlotha, base befuna isidumbu sakhe, basithola sishisiwe.
37 UHarana wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nambili ubudala lapho efa emlilweni waseKasidi. Kwathi inkosi, izikhulu, nabakhileyo ezweni, bebona ukuthi u-Abrama ukhululiwe emlilweni, beza bamkhothamela u-Abrama.
38 U-Abrama wathi kubo: “Ningangikhothameli, kodwa khothamelani uNkulunkulu womhlaba owanenza, nimkhonze, nihambe ngezindlela zakhe, ngokuba nguyena owangikhulula kulo mlilo, futhi nguyena owadala imiphefumulo nemimoya yabo bonke abantu, wabumba umuntu esiswini sikanina, wamletha ezweni, futhi nguyena ozokhulula labo abathembela kuye kuzo zonke izinhlungu.”
39 Futhi le nto yabonakala imangalisa kakhulu emehlweni enkosi nezikhulu, ukuthi u-Abrama wasindiswa emlilweni nokuthi iHarana yashiswa; futhi inkosi yanika u-Abrama izipho eziningi futhi yamnika izinceku zayo ezimbili eziyizinhloko ezivela endlini yenkosi; igama lenye kwakungu-Oni kanti igama lenye kwakungu-Eliyezeri.
40 Onke amakhosi, izikhulu nezinceku banika u-Abrama izipho eziningi zesiliva negolide namaparele, inkosi nezikhulu zayo bammukisa, wahamba ngokuthula.
41 U-Abrama waphuma enkosini ngokuthula, futhi izinceku eziningi zenkosi zamlandela, futhi amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amathathu amlandela.
42 U-Abrama wabuyela ngalolo suku, waya endlini kayise, yena namadoda ayemlandela; u-Abrama wakhonza uJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakhe, wahamba ezindleleni zakhe, walandela umthetho wakhe.
43 Kusukela ngalolo suku kuqhubeke u-Abrama wathonya izinhliziyo zamadodana abantu ukuba bakhonze uJehova.
44 Ngaleso sikhathi uNahori no-Abrama bazithathela abafazi, amadodakazi omfowabo uHarana; umkaNahori kwakunguMilka, igama lomka-Abrama kwakunguSarayi. USarayi, umka-Abrama, wayeyinyumba; wayengenabantwana ngalezo zinsuku.
45 Kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka emibili kusukela u-Abrama ephumile emlilweni, okungukuthi ngonyaka wamashumi amahlanu nambili wokuphila kwakhe, bheka inkosi uNimrode yayihlezi eBabele esihlalweni sobukhosi, inkosi yalala yaphupha imi namabutho ayo namabutho ayo esigodini esibhekene nesithando somlilo senkosi.
46 Waphakamisa amehlo akhe wabona indoda efana no-Abrama iphuma esithandweni, nokuthi yeza yema phambi kwenkosi inenkemba yayo ehoshiwe, yabe isigijimela enkosini inenkemba yayo, lapho inkosi ibalekela indoda, ngoba yayesaba; kwathi isagijima, indoda yaphonsa iqanda ekhanda lenkosi, iqanda laba umfula omkhulu.
47 Inkosi yaphupha ukuthi wonke amabutho ayo acwila kulowo mfula futhi afa, inkosi yabaleka namadoda amathathu ayephambi kwayo, yabaleka.
48 Inkosi yabheka la madoda futhi ayegqoke izingubo zasebukhosini njengezingubo zamakhosi, futhi ayenokubukeka nobukhosi bamakhosi.
49 Kwathi besagijima, umfula waphinde waphenduka iqanda phambi kwenkosi, kwaphuma eqandeni inyoni encane eyafika phambi kwenkosi, yandiza yaya ekhanda layo yakhipha iso lenkosi.
50 Inkosi yadabuka ngalokhu, yavuka ebuthongweni, umoya wayo wakhathazeka; yezwa ukwesaba okukhulu.
51 Kwathi ekuseni inkosi yavuka embhedeni wayo ngokwesaba, yayala bonke abahlakaniphileyo nabathakathi ukuba beze phambi kwayo, lapho inkosi ibatshela iphupho layo.
52 Inceku ehlakaniphile yenkosi, egama layo lingu-Anuki, yaphendula inkosi, yathi, Lokhu akulutho ngaphandle kobubi buka-Abrama nenzalo yakhe obuzovela ngokumelene neNkosi yami nenkosi ezinsukwini zokugcina.
53 Futhi bhekani usuku luyeza lapho u-Abrama nenzalo yakhe nabantwana bendlu yakhe beyokulwa nenkosi yami, futhi bazoyibulala yonke imikhosi yenkosi namabutho ayo.
54 Futhi ngokuqondene nalokho okushilo ngamadoda amathathu owabona afana nawe, futhi aphunyuka, lokhu kusho ukuthi wena kuphela oyophunyuka namakhosi amathathu emakhosini omhlaba azoba nawe empini.
55 Futhi lokho okubonile emfuleni owaphenduka iqanda njengasekuqaleni, nenyoni encane ikhipha iso lakho, lokhu akusho lutho olunye ngaphandle kwenzalo ka-Abrama ezobulala inkosi ezinsukwini zokugcina.
56 Leli yiphupho lenkosi yami, nansi incazelo yalo, nephupho liyiqiniso, nencazelo inceku yakho ekunike yona ilungile.
57 Ngakho-ke nkosi yami, uyazi ukuthi sekuyiminyaka engamashumi amahlanu nambili selokhu izihlakaniphi zakho zakubona lokhu ekuzalweni kuka-Abrama, futhi uma inkosi yami izovumela u-Abrama ukuba ahlale emhlabeni kuzoba ukulimala kwenkosi yami nenkosi, ngoba zonke izinsuku u-Abrama ephila ngeke wena nombuso wakho nimiswe, ngoba lokhu kwakwaziwa ngaphambilini ekuzalweni kwakhe; kungani inkosi yami ingeke imbulale, ukuze ububi bakhe buvinjelwe kuwe ezinsukwini ezizayo?
58 UNimrodi walalela izwi lika-Anuki, wathumela ezinye zezinceku zakhe ngasese ukuthi ziyobamba u-Abrama, futhi zimlethe phambi kwenkosi ukuze afe.
59 U-Eliyezeri, inceku ka-Abrama inkosi eyayimnike yona, ngaleso sikhathi wayephambi kwenkosi, wezwa lokho u-Anuki ayekucebise inkosi, nalokho inkosi eyayikushilo ukuze kubangele ukufa kuka-Abrama.
60 U-Eliyezeri wathi ku-Abrama, Shesha, vuka usindise umphefumulo wakho, funa ufe ngezandla zenkosi, ngokuba ibone kanjalo ephusheni ngawe, futhi u-Anuki walichaza kanjalo, futhi u-Anuki weluleka kanjalo inkosi ngawe.
61 U-Abrama walalela izwi lika-Eliyezeri, u-Abrama washesha wabalekela endlini kaNowa nendodana yakhe uShemi, wacasha lapho wathola indawo yokuphepha; izinceku zenkosi zafika endlini ka-Abrama ukuzomfuna, kodwa azimtholanga, futhi zamfuna kulo lonke izwe kodwa akatholakalanga, futhi zahamba zamfuna nxazonke kodwa akatholakalanga.

62 Kwathi lapho izinceku zenkosi zingamtholi u-Abrama zabuyela enkosini, kodwa intukuthelo yenkosi ngo-Abrama yaphela, njengoba zingamtholanga, futhi inkosi yasusa engqondweni yayo le ndaba ephathelene no-Abrama.
63 U-Abrama wafihlwa endlini kaNowa inyanga eyodwa, kwaze kwaba yilapho inkosi isikhohliwe le ndaba, kodwa u-Abrama wayesayesaba inkosi; uTera weza ukuzobona u-Abrama indodana yakhe ngasese endlini kaNowa, futhi uTera wayemkhulu kakhulu emehlweni enkosi.
64 U-Abrama wathi kuyise: "Awazi yini ukuthi inkosi icabanga ukungibulala, iqede igama lami emhlabeni ngeseluleko sabacebisi bayo ababi na?"
65 Manje unani lapha, futhi unani kuleli zwe? Sukuma, masihambe siye ezweni laseKhanani, ukuze sikhululwe esandleni sakhe, funa nawe ubhubhe ngenxa yakhe ezinsukwini zokugcina.
66 Awazi noma awuzwanga, ukuthi akusikho ngothando ukuthi uNimrode ukukunika lonke lolu dumo, kodwa kungenxa yenzuzo yakhe kuphela ukuthi ukupha konke lokhu okuhle?
67 Futhi uma ekwenzela okuhle okukhulu kunalokhu, ngokuqinisekile lokhu kuyize nje zomhlaba, ngoba ingcebo nengcebo ngeke kusize ngosuku lolaka nentukuthelo.
68 Ngakho-ke lalela izwi lami, masisuke siye ezweni laseKhanani, kude nobubi bukaNimrode; ukhonze iNkosi eyakudala emhlabeni, kuzokuhambela kahle; ulahle zonke izinto eziyize oziphishekelayo.
69 U-Abrama waqeda ukukhuluma, lapho uNowa nendodana yakhe uShemi bephendula uTera, bethi: "Liqinisile izwi u-Abrama alikhulumile kuwe."
70 UThera walalela izwi lendodana yakhe u-Abrama, uTera wenza konke u-Abrama akushilo, ngokuba lokhu kwakuvela kuJehova ukuthi inkosi ingambulali u-Abrama.

ISAHLUKO 13

1 UThera wathatha indodana yakhe u-Abrama nomzukulu wakhe uLoti, indodana kaHarana, noSarayi umalokazana wakhe, umka-Abrama indodana yakhe, nabo bonke abendlu yakhe, bahamba nabo besuka e-Uri Kasidi ukuya ezweni laseKhanani. Sebefikile ezweni laseHarana bahlala lapho, ngokuba laliyizwe elihle kakhulu lamadlelo, futhi lalilikhulu ngokwanele kulabo ababehamba nabo.
2 Abantu basezweni laseHarana babona ukuthi u-Abrama wayemuhle futhi eqotho kuNkulunkulu nakubantu, nokuthi uJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe wayenaye, kwathi abanye babantu basezweni laseHarana beza bajoyina u-Abrama, wabafundisa iziyalezo zeNkosi nezindlela zayo; futhi laba bantu bahlala no-Abrama endlini yakhe futhi banamathela kuye.
3 U-Abrama wahlala ezweni iminyaka emithathu, kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu uJehova wabonakala ku-Abrama, wathi kuye: "NginguJehova owakukhipha e-Uri Kasdimi, ngakukhulula esandleni sezitha zakho zonke."
4 Ngakho-ke uma ulalela izwi lami, ugcine imiyalo yami, izimiso zami, nemithetho yami, ngiyakuwisa izitha zakho phambi kwakho, ngandise inzalo yakho ibe ngangezinkanyezi zezulu, ngithumele isibusiso sami kuyo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zakho, awuyikuswela lutho.
5 Sukuma manje, thatha umkakho nakho konke okungokwakho, uye ezweni laseKhanani, uhlale khona; ngiyakuba nguNkulunkulu kuwe, ngikubusise." U-Abrama wasukuma, wathatha umkakhe nakho konke okungokwakhe, waya ezweni laseKhanani, njengalokho uJehova emtshelile; u-Abrama wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu ubudala lapho ephuma eHarana.
6 U-Abrama wafika ezweni laseKhanani, wahlala phakathi komuzi, wamisa itende lakhe phakathi kwabantwana baseKhanani, abakhileyo ezweni.
7 UJehova wabonakala ku-Abrama esefikile ezweni laseKhanani, wathi kuye: "Leli yizwe engikunike lona wena nenzalo yakho emva kwakho kuze kube phakade, ngenze inzalo yakho ibe njengezinkanyezi zezulu, futhi ngizoyinika inzalo yakho ibe yifa lawo wonke amazwe owabonayo."
8 U-Abrama wakha i-altare endaweni lapho uNkulunkulu ayekhulume naye khona; u-Abrama wakhuleka khona egameni likaJehova.
9 Ngaleso sikhathi, ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu yokuhlala kuka-Abrama ezweni laseKhanani, ngalowo nyaka uNowa wafa, okwakungumnyaka wamashumi amahlanu nesishiyagalombili wokuphila kuka-Abrama; zonke izinsuku zikaNowa aziphila zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi amahlanu, wafa.
10 U-Abrama wahlala ezweni laseKhanani, yena nomkakhe, nakho konke okwakungokwakhe, nabo bonke ababehamba naye, kanye nalabo ababehlangene naye kubantu bezwe; kodwa uNahori, umfowabo ka-Abrama, noThera uyise, noLoti indodana kaHarana nabo bonke ababengokwabo bahlala eHarana.
11 Ngomnyaka wesihlanu wokuhlala kuka-Abrama ezweni laseKhanani, abantu baseSodoma naseGomora nayo yonke imizi yasethafeni bahlubuka esandleni sikaKedorlawomere inkosi yase-Elamu; ngokuba onke amakhosi emizi yasethafeni ayekhonze uKedorlawomere iminyaka eyishumi nambili, emnika intela yonyaka, kodwa ngalezo zinsuku ngonyaka weshumi nantathu, amhlubuka.
12 Ngomnyaka weshumi wokuhlala kuka-Abrama ezweni laseKhanani kwaba khona impi phakathi kukaNimrode inkosi yaseShinari noKedorlawomere inkosi yase-Elamu; uNimrode weza ukulwa noKedorlawomere nokumnqoba.
13 Ngoba uKedorlawomere ngaleso sikhathi wayengomunye wezikhulu zamabutho kaNimrode, kwathi lapho bonke abantu ababesebhoshongweni sebehlakazekile nalabo abasele nabo behlakazekile ebusweni bomhlaba, uKedorlawomere waya ezweni lase-Elamu wabusa phezu kwalo futhi wahlubuka enkosini yakhe.
14 Kwathi ngalezo zinsuku lapho uNimrode ebona ukuthi imizi yasethafeni ihlubukile, weza ngokuziqhenya nangokuthukuthela ukuyolwa noKedorlawomere, uNimrode wabutha zonke izikhulu zakhe nezinceku zakhe, cishe amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa, wahamba wayolwa noKedorlawomere, uKedorlawomere waphuma ukuyomhlangabeza enamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezinhlanu, balungiselela impi esigodini saseBabele esiphakathi kwe-Elamu neShinari.
15 Futhi wonke lawo makhosi alwa lapho, uNimrodi nabantu bakhe banqotshwa phambi kwabantu bakaKedorlawomere, kwawa amadoda kaNimrodi angaba

yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha, kwathi uMardoni indodana yenkosi wawa phakathi kwabo.
16 UNimrode wabaleka wabuyela ezweni lakhe enamahloni futhi ehlazekile, futhi waba ngaphansi kukaKedorlawomere isikhathi eside, uKedorlawomere wabuyela ezweni lakhe wathumela izikhulu zebutho lakhe emakhosini ayemzungezile, ku-Ariyoki inkosi yase-Elasari, nakuTidali inkosi yaseGoyimi, wenza isivumelwano nabo, futhi bonke balalela imiyalo yakhe.
17 Kwathi ngonyaka weshumi nanhlanu wokuhlala kuka-Abrama ezweni laseKhanani, okungumnyaka wamashumi ayisikhombisa wokuphila kuka-Abrama, uJehova wabonakala ku-Abrama ngalowo nyaka, wathi kuye: "NginguJehova owakukhipha e-Uri Kasdimi ukukunika leli zwe libe yifa lakho."
18 Ngakho-ke hamba phambi kwami, ube ngophelele, ugcine imiyalo yami, ngokuba ngiyakunika wena nenzalo yakho leli zwe libe yifa lakho, kusukela emfuleni iGibhithe kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu i-Ewufrathe.
19 Uzakufika koyihlo ngokuthula nangokuchuma, isizukulwane sesine siyakubuyela lapha kuleli zwe, silidle kuze kube phakade; u-Abrama wakha i-altare, wabiza igama likaJehova owabonakala kuye, wanikela ngemihlatshelo e-altare kuJehova.
20 Ngaleso sikhathi u-Abrama wabuyela eHarana ukuyobona uyise nonina, nendlu kayise, u-Abrama nomkakhe nakho konke okwakungokwakhe babuyela eHarana; u-Abrama wahlala eHarana iminyaka emihlanu.
21 Futhi abaningi kubantu baseHarana, amadoda angaba angamashumi ayisikhombisa nambili, balandela u-Abrama futhi u-Abrama wabafundisa iziyalezo zeNkosi nezindlela zayo, futhi wabafundisa ukwazi iNkosi.
22 Ngalezo zinsuku uJehova wabonakala ku-Abrama eHarana, wathi kuye: "Bheka, ngikhulumile nawe eminyakeni engamashumi amabili edlule, ngithi:
23 Phuma ezweni lakini, endaweni yakho yokuzalwa nasendlini kayihlo, uye ezweni engikubonisile lona ukuthi ngizolinika wena nabantwana bakho, ngokuba lapho ngiyakukubusisa, ngikwenze isizwe esikhulu, ngenze igama lakho libe likhulu, imindeni yomhlaba iyakubusiswa ngawe.
24 Ngakho-ke suka lapha, wena nomkakho, nabo bonke abakho, nabo bonke abazalelwe endlini yakho, nabo bonke abantu obazuze eHarana, ubakhiphe lapha kanye nawe, usuke, ubuyele ezweni laseKhanani.
25 U-Abrama wasukuma, wathatha uSarayi umkakhe, nakho konke okungokwakhe, nabo bonke abazelwe endlini yakhe, nemiphefumulo ababeyizuzile eHarana, baphuma baya ezweni laseKhanani.
26 U-Abrama wahamba, wabuyela ezweni laseKhanani, njengezwi likaJehova; uLoti indodana yomfowabo uHarana wahamba naye; u-Abrama wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlanu mhla ephuma eHarana ebuyela ezweni laseKhanani.
27 Wafika ezweni laseKhanani ngokwezwi likaJehova ku-Abrama, wamisa itende lakhe wahlala e-okini laseMamre, kanye noLoti indodana yomfowabo, nakho konke okwakungokwakhe.
28 UJehova wabonakala ku-Abrama futhi, wathi: "Ngizonika inzalo yakho leli zwe." Wakha lapho i-altare likaJehova owabonakala kuye, elisekhona nanamuhla emahlathini aseMamre.

ISAHLUKO 14

1 Ngalezo zinsuku kwakukhona ezweni laseShinari indoda ehlakaniphileyo eyayinokuqonda konke ukuhlakanipha, nokubukeka okuhle, kodwa yayimpofu futhi impofu; igama layo kwakunguRikayon futhi yayizimisele ukuzisekela.
2 Wanquma ukuya eGibhithe, ku-Oswiris indodana ka-Anom inkosi yaseGibhithe, ukuze abonise inkosi ukuhlakanipha kwakhe; ngoba mhlawumbe angathola umusa emehlweni ayo, ukuze ayiphakamise futhi ayinike ukudla; uRikayon wenza kanjalo.
3 Kwathi lapho uRikayoni efika eGibhithe wabuza izakhamuzi zaseGibhithe ngenkosi, izakhamuzi zaseGibhithe zamtshela isiko lenkosi yaseGibhithe, ngoba ngaleso sikhathi kwakuyisiko lenkosi yaseGibhithe ukuthi iphume esigodlweni sayo sobukhosi futhi ibonwe kude ngosuku olulodwa ngonyaka, bese kuthi ngemva kwalokho inkosi ibuyele esigodlweni sayo ukuze ihlale lapho.
4 Kwathi ngosuku inkosi eyaphuma ngalo yakhipha isahlulelo ezweni, futhi wonke umuntu owayenecala weza phambi kwenkosi ngalolo suku ukuze athole isicelo sakhe.
5 Kwathi uRikayoni ezwa ngomkhuba waseGibhithe nokuthi wayengenakukwazi ukuza phambi kwenkosi, wadabuka kakhulu futhi waba lusizi kakhulu.
6 Kwathi kusihlwa uRikayon waphuma wathola indlu eyayidilikile, eyayikade iyindlu yokubhaka eGibhithe, wahlala lapho ubusuku bonke enomphefumulo obuhlungu futhi elambile, ubuthongo baphela emehlweni akhe.
7 URikayon wacabanga ngaphakathi kwakhe ukuthi enzeni emzini kuze kube yilapho inkosi ifika, nokuthi angazinakekela kanjani lapho.
8 Wavuka ekuseni wahambahamba, wahlangana nabantu ababethengisa imifino nezinhlobo ezahlukene zembewu ababeyinika abantu bendawo.
9 Futhi uRikayon wayefisa ukwenza okufanayo ukuze athole isondlo edolobheni, kodwa wayengazi kahle isiko labantu, futhi wayefana nempumputhe phakathi kwabo.
10 Wahamba wayothenga imifino ukuze ayithengise ukuze athole ukudla, isixuku sabuthana ngakuye samhleka usulu, sathatha imifino yakhe kuye futhi samshiyela lutho.
11 Wasuka lapho enomunyu womphefumulo, wabubula waya endlini yokubhaka ayehlale kuyo ubusuku bonke ngaphambilini, walala khona ngobusuku besibili.
12 Ngalobo busuku waphinde wacabanga ngaphakathi kwakhe ukuthi angazisindisa kanjani endlaleni, wabe eseceba isu lokuthi angenza kanjani.
13 Wavuka ekuseni, wenza ngokuhlakanipha, wahamba, waqasha amadoda angamashumi amathathu anamandla esixukwini, ephethe izikhali zawo zempi ngezandla zawo, wawayisa esiqongweni sethuna laseGibithe, wawabeka lapho.
14 Wabayala wathi: "Isho kanje inkosi, ithi: 'Ziqiniseni, nibe ngamadoda anamandla, kungabikho muntu ongcwatshwa lapha, kuze kukhishwe izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamakhulu amabili, andukuba angcwatshwe.' Lawo madoda enza njengomyalo kaRikayoni kubantu baseGibithe wonke lowo nyaka.

15 Kwathi ezinyangeni eziyisishiyagalombili uRikayon namadoda akhe baqoqa ingcebo enkulu yesiliva negolide, uRikayon wathatha amahhashi amaningi nezinye izilwane, waqasha amadoda engeziwe, wabanika amahhashi, ahlala naye.
16 Kwathi lapho umnyaka usuphelile, ngesikhathi inkosi iphuma iya emzini, bonke abantu baseGibhithe babuthana ndawonye ukuze bakhulume naye ngomsebenzi kaRikayoni namadoda akhe.
17 Inkosi yaphuma ngosuku olubekiwe, bonke abaseGibithe beza phambi kwayo, bakhala kuyo, bathi:
18 Sengathi inkosi ingaphila kuze kube phakade. Kuyini lokhu okwenzayo emzini ezincekwini zakho, ukuthi ungavumeli isidumbu singcwatshwe kuze kube yilapho kunikelwa isiliva negolide elingaka? Ingabe kwake kwenziwa into enjengale emhlabeni wonke, kusukela ezinsukwini zamakhosi angaphambili, ngisho kusukela ezinsukwini zika-Adamu, kuze kube namuhla, ukuthi abafileyo bangangcwatshwa ngentengo emisiwe kuphela?
19 Siyazi ukuthi kuyisiko lamakhosi ukuqoqa intela yonyaka kwabaphilayo, kodwa awugcini ngokwenza lokhu kuphela, kodwa futhi ubiza intela kwabafileyo imihla ngemihla.
20 Manje, O nkosi, asisakwazi ukubekezelela lokhu, ngoba wonke umuzi uchithiwe ngenxa yalokhu, futhi awukwazi yini?
21 Kwathi lapho inkosi izwa konke ababekukhulumile yathukuthela kakhulu, intukuthelo yayo yavutha ngaphakathi kwayo ngale ndaba, ngoba yayingazi lutho ngayo.
22 Inkosi yathi, “Ngubani futhi uphi lowo onesibindi sokwenza lobu bubi ezweni lakithi ngaphandle komyalo wami? Ngokuqinisekile uzongitshela.”
23 Bamtshela yonke imisebenzi kaRikayon namadoda akhe, intukuthelo yenkosi yavutha, yayala ukuba uRikayon namadoda akhe balethwe phambi kwakhe.
24 URikayoni wathatha abantwana abangaba yinkulungwane, amadodana namadodakazi, wabagqokisa ngesilika nangemifekethiso, wabakhwelisa emahhashini, wabathumela enkosini ngamadoda akhe, wathatha nesiliva negolide elininginingi namatshe ayigugu, nehhashi elinamandla nelihle, njengesipho senkosi, afika naso phambi kwenkosi, wakhothama phansi phambi kwayo; inkosi, izinceku zayo nabo bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe bamangala ngomsebenzi kaRikayoni, babona ingcebo yakhe nesipho ayesilethele inkosi.
25 Kwamjabulisa kakhulu inkosi, yamangala ngakho; kwathi lapho uRikayoni ehlezi phambi kwakhe inkosi yambuza ngayo yonke imisebenzi yakhe, uRikayoni wakhuluma wonke amazwi akhe ngokuhlakanipha phambi kwenkosi, nezinceku zayo nabo bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe.
26 Kwathi inkosi isizwile amazwi kaRikayoni nokuhlakanipha kwakhe, uRikayoni wathola umusa emehlweni akhe, wamukeleka umusa nomusa kuzo zonke izinceku zenkosi nakubo bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe, ngenxa yokuhlakanipha kwakhe nezinkulumo zakhe ezinhle kakhulu, kusukela ngaleso sikhathi bamthanda kakhulu.
27 Inkosi yaphendula yathi kuRikayoni: “Igama lakho alisayikubizwa ngokuthi iRikayoni, kepha igama lakho lizakuba nguFaro, ngokuba ubize intela kwabafileyo.” Waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi uFaro.
28 Inkosi nabantu bayo bamthanda uRikayoni ngenxa yokuhlakanipha kwakhe, bacebisana nabo bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe ukuba bambeke abe yinduna phezu kwenkosi.
29 Bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe kanye nezihlakaniphi zalo benza kanjalo, kwaba ngumthetho eGibhithe.
30 Base bemisa uRikayon Faro ukuba abe yinduna ngaphansi kuka-Oshiris inkosi yaseGibhithe, uRikayon Faro wabusa eGibhithe, ephatha ubulungisa nsuku zonke kulo lonke idolobha, kodwa u-Oshiris inkosi wayehlulela abantu bezwe ngosuku olulodwa ngonyaka, lapho ephuma ukuyovela khona.
31 UFaro uRikayoni wathatha umbuso waseGibhithe ngobuqili, wabiza intela kubo bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe.
32 Bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe bamthanda kakhulu uFaro uRikayoni, basebemisa umthetho wokuthi wonke amakhosi azabusa phezu kwabo kanye lenzalo yabo eGibhithe abizwe ngokuthi uFaro.
33 Ngakho-ke wonke amakhosi abusa eGibhithe kusukela ngaleso sikhathi kuqhubeke abizwa ngokuthi uFaro kuze kube namuhla.

ISAHLUKO 15

1 Ngalowo nyaka kwaba khona indlala enkulu kulo lonke izwe laseKhanani; abakhileyo ezweni babengenakukwazi ukuhlala ngenxa yendlala, ngokuba yayinzima kakhulu.
2 U-Abrama nabo bonke abakhe basuka behlela eGibhithe ngenxa yendlala, kwathi sebefikile emfuleni iGibhithe bahlala lapho isikhathi esithile ukuze baphumule ekukhathaleni komgwaqo.
3 U-Abrama noSarayi babehamba emngceleni wesifufula saseGibhithe, u-Abrama wabona umkakhe uSarayi ukuthi muhle kakhulu.
4 U-Abrama wathi kuSarayi umkakhe: “Njengoba uNkulunkulu ekudalile ngobuso obuhle kangaka, ngiyesaba abaseGibhithe funa bangibulale, bakuthathe, ngokuba ukwesaba uNkulunkulu akukho kulezi zindawo.”
5 Ngakho-ke yenza lokhu: Wothi ungudadewethu kubo bonke abakucelayo, ukuze kube kuhle kimi, siphile, singabulawa.
6 U-Abrama wayala okufanayo kubo bonke ababeze naye eGibhithe ngenxa yendlala; kanye nomshana wakhe uLoti wayala, wathi: “Uma abaseGibhithe bekubuza ngoSarayi, uthi ungudadewabo ka-Abrama.”
7 Kodwa-ke, nangazo zonke lezi ziqondiso, u-Abrama akazange abathembe, kodwa wathatha uSarayi wambeka ebhokisini, walifihla phakathi kwezitsha zabo, ngoba u-Abrama wayekhathazekile kakhulu ngoSarayi ngenxa yobubi babaseGibhithe.
8 U-Abrama nabo bonke abakhe basuka emfuleni iGibhithe, bafika eGibhithe; kwathi bengakangeni nje emasangweni omuzi, abalindi basukuma bathi kubo: “Nikani inkosi okweshumi kwalokho eninakho, bese ningena emzini.” U-Abrama nalabo ababenaye benza kanjalo.
9 U-Abrama nabantu ababenaye bafika eGibithe, bafika baletha ibhokisi uSarayi ayefihliwe kulo; abaseGibithe balibona ibhokisi.

10 Izinceku zenkosi zasondela ku-Abrama, zathi: “Unani lapha kuleli bhokisi esingalibonanga na? Manje vula ibhokisi bese unikela okweshumi kwakho konke okukulo enkosini.”
11 U-Abrama wathi: “Angiyikuvula leli bhokisi, kodwa konke okufunayo kulo ngizokunika.” Izinceku zikaFaro zaphendula zathi: “Libhokisi lamatshe ayigugu; siphe okweshumi kwalo.”
12 U-Abrama wathi: “Konke okufunayo ngiyakukunika, kodwa ungalivuli ibhokisi.”
13 Izinceku zenkosi zamcindezela u-Abrama, zafika ebhokisini, zalivula ngamandla, zabona, bheka, kwakukhona owesifazane omuhle ebhokisini.
14 Kwathi lapho izikhulu zenkosi zimbona uSarayi zamangala ngobuhle bakhe, nazo zonke izikhulu nezinceku zikaFaro zabuthana ukuzobona uSarayi, ngoba wayemuhle kakhulu. Izikhulu zenkosi zagijima zatshela uFaro konke ezazikubonile, futhi zamdumisa uSarayi enkosini; uFaro wayala ukuba alethwe, owesifazane weza phambi kwenkosi.
15 UFaro wambona uSarayi, wamjabulisa kakhulu, wahlabeka umxhwele ngobuhle bakhe, inkosi yathokoza kakhulu ngaye, yabapha izipho labo ababemlethela izindaba ngaye.
16 Owesifazane wangeniswa endlini kaFaro, u-Abrama waba lusizi ngomkakhe, wakhuleka kuJehova ukuba amsindise esandleni sikaFaro.
17 USarayi naye wathandaza ngaleso sikhathi wathi, O Nkosi Nkulunkulu, utshele iNkosi yami u-Abrama ukuthi asuke ezweni lakubo nasendlini kayise aye ezweni laseKhanani, futhi wathembisa ukumenzela okuhle uma ezokwenza imiyalo yakho; manje bhekani senze lokho osiyale ngakho, futhi sashiya izwe lethu nemindeni yethu, saya ezweni elingaziwa nakubantu esingabazi ngaphambili.
18 Futhi seza kuleli zwe ukuze sigweme indlala, futhi le ngozi embi ingihlasele; ngakho-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, sikhulule usisindise esandleni salo mcindezeli, wenze okuhle kimi ngenxa yesihawu sakho.
19 INkosi yalalela izwi likaSarayi, futhi iNkosi yathumela ingelosi ukuba ikhulule uSarayi esandleni sikaFaro.
20 Inkosi yafika yahlala phambi kukaSarayi, bheka ingelosi yeNkosi yayimi phezu kwabo, yabonakala kuSarayi yathi kuye: “Ungesabi, ngokuba iNkosi iwuzwile umthandazo wakho.”
21 Inkosi yasondela kuSarayi, yathi kuye: “Ungubani lowo muntu okulethe lapha kuwe na?” Wathi: “Ungumnewethu.”
22 Inkosi yathi: “Kungumsebenzi wethu ukumenza abe mkhulu, simphakamise futhi senze kuye konke okuhle osiyala ngakho; ngaleso sikhathi inkosi yathumela ku-Abrama isiliva negolide namatshe ayigugu amaningi, kanye nezinkomo, izinceku nezincekukazi; inkosi yayala ukuba u-Abrama alethwe, wahlala egcekeni lendlu yenkosi, inkosi yamphakamisa kakhulu u-Abrama ngalobo busuku.
23 Inkosi yasondela ukukhuluma noSarayi, yelula isandla sayo ukuze imthinte, lapho ingelosi imshaya kakhulu, wesaba kakhulu, wazibamba ukumthinta.
24 Kwathi lapho inkosi isondela kuSarayi, ingelosi yamshaya phansi, yenza kanjalo kuye ubusuku bonke, inkosi yesaba kakhulu.
25 Ngalobo busuku ingelosi yashaya kakhulu zonke izinceku zenkosi, nendlu yayo yonke, ngenxa kaSarayi, kwaba khona isililo esikhulu ngalobo busuku phakathi kwabantu bendlu kaFaro.
26 UFaro esebona okubi okumehleleyo, wathi: “Impela lokhu kungehlele ngenxa yalo wesifazane.” Wasuka kuye, wakhuluma amazwi amahle kuye.
27 Inkosi yasisithi kuSarayi: Ake ungitshele ngendoda ofike nayo lapha; uSarayi wathi: Lo yindoda yami, futhi ngithe kuwe: Ungumfowethu, ngoba bengesaba ukuthi ungambulala ngobubi.
28 Inkosi yazimela kude noSarayi, izinhlupho zengelosi yeNkosi zaphela kuye nasendlini yakhe; uFaro wayazi ukuthi ushaywe ngenxa kaSarayi, inkosi yamangala kakhulu ngalokhu.
29 Kwathi ekuseni inkosi yambiza u-Abrama, yathi kuye: “Kuyini lokhu okwenzile kimi na? Usholoni ukuthi: ‘Ungudadewethu,’ ngaze ngamthatha waba ngumkami, ngakho-ke lesi sifo esinzima singifikele mina nendlu yami.”
30 Manje nangu umkakho, mthathe uhambe ezweni lakithi, funa sife ngenxa yakhe.” UFaro wathatha ezinye izinkomo, izinceku nezincekukazi, isiliva negolide, ukumnika u-Abrama; wambuyisela uSarayi umkakhe.
31 Inkosi yathatha intombi eyayizala ngezancinza zayo, yamnika uSarayi ukuba abe yincekukazi yayo.
32 Inkosi yathi endodakazini yayo: “Kungcono kuwe ndodakazi yami ukuba yisigqilakazi endlini yalo muntu kunokuba ube yinkosikazi endlini yami, sesibonile okubi okusehlele ngenxa yalo wesifazane.”
33 U-Abrama wasukuma, yena nakho konke okwakungokwakhe baphuma eGibhithe; uFaro wayala abanye babantu bakhe ukuba bahambe naye nabo bonke ababehamba naye.
34 U-Abrama wabuyela ezweni laseKhanani, endaweni lapho ayenze khona i-altare, lapho amisa khona itende lakhe ekuqaleni.
35 ULoti indodana kaHarana, umfowabo ka-Abrama, wayenemfuyo eningi yezinkomo, nezimvu, nezinkomo, namatende, ngokuba uJehova wayenomusa kubo ngenxa ka-Abrama.
36 Kwathi u-Abrama esahlala ezweni, abelusi bakaLoti baxabana nabelusi baka-Abrama, ngokuba impahla yabo yayinkulu kakhulu ukuba bahlale ndawonye ezweni, izwe lalingenakubathwala ngenxa yezinkomo zabo.
37 Futhi lapho abelusi baka-Abrama beyokwelusa imihlambi yabo abazange baye emasimini abantu bezwe, kodwa izinkomo zabelusi bakaLoti zenza ngenye indlela, ngoba zazivunyelwe ukudla emasimini abantu bezwe.
38 Abantu bezwe bakubona lokhu imihla ngemihla, beza ku-Abrama, baxabana naye ngenxa yabelusi bakaLoti.
39 U-Abrama wathi kuLoti: “Ungenzelani lokhu, ungenze ngibe yihlazo kubantu bakulelizwe, ukuthi uyale abelusi bakho ukuba baluse izinkomo zakho emasimini abanye abantu na? Awazi yini ukuthi ngingumfokazi kuleli zwe phakathi kwabantwana baseKhanani, futhi kungani ungenza lokhu kimi?”
40 U-Abrama waxabana noLoti imihla ngemihla ngenxa yalokhu, kodwa uLoti akamlalelanga u-Abrama, waqhubeka nokwenza okufanayo, kwathi izakhamuzi zezwe zafika zamtshela u-Abrama.
41 U-Abrama wathi kuLoti: “Kuyoze kube nini uyisikhubekiso kimi kwabakhileyo ezweni na? Manje ake

kungabikho ukuxabana phakathi kwethu, ngokuba singabazalwane.”
42 Kodwa ngicela uhlukane nami, uhambe uyokhetha indawo lapho ungahlala khona nezinkomo zakho nakho konke okungokwakho, kodwa hlala kude nami, wena nendlu yakho.
43 Futhi ungesabi ukusuka kimi, ngoba uma umuntu ekulimaza, ngazise futhi ngizophindisela icala lakho kuye, kodwa suka kimi.
44 Kwathi u-Abrama esekhulumile wonke lawa mazwi kuLoti, uLoti wasukuma, waphakamisa amehlo akhe ngasethafeni laseJordani.
45 Wabona ukuthi yonke le ndawo inamanzi amaningi, ilungele abantu futhi inika izinkomo amadlelo.
46 ULoti wasuka ku-Abrama waya kuleyo ndawo, wamisa itende lakhe lapho, wahlala eSodoma; base behlukene.
47 UAbrama wahlala emahlathini aseMamre, aseHebroni, wamisa itende lakhe lapho; uAbrama wahlala kuleyo ndawo iminyaka emininingi.

ISAHLUKO 16

1 Ngaleso sikhathi uKedorlawomere inkosi yase-Elamu wathumela kumakhosi onke angomakhelwane, kuNimrode inkosi yaseShinari owayengaphansi kombuso wakhe ngaleso sikhathi, nakuTidali inkosi yaseGoyimi, naku-Ariyoki inkosi yase-Elasari, awenza nabo isivumelwano, wathi: “Khuphukelani kimi ningisize, ukuze sichithe yonke imizi yaseSodoma nabakhileyo kuyo, ngokuba bangihlubukile kule minyaka eyishumi nantathu.”
2 Lawa makhosi amane akhuphuka nawo wonke amakamu awo, amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili, ahamba njengoba ayenjalo, abulala wonke umuntu awathola endleleni yawo.
3 Amakhosi amahlanu aseSodoma naseGomora, uShinabi inkosi yase-Adima, uShemebhere inkosi yaseZeboyimi, uBera inkosi yaseSodoma, uBerisha inkosi yaseGomora, noBela inkosi yaseZowari, aphuma ukuyowahlangabeza; ahlangana ndawonye eSigodini saseSidimi.
4 Lawa makhosi ayisishiyagalolunye alwa eSigodini saseSidimi; amakhosi aseSodoma naseGomora anqotshwa phambi kwamakhosi ase-Elamu.
5 Isigodi saseSidimi sasigcwele imigodi yelayisi futhi amakhosi ase-Elamu axosha amakhosi aseSodoma, futhi amakhosi aseSodoma namakamu awo abaleka awela emigodini yelayisi, futhi bonke abaseleyo baya ezintabeni ukuze baphephe, futhi amakhosi amahlanu ase-Elamu afika emva kwabo abaxosha kwaze kwaba semasangweni aseSodoma, futhi athatha konke okwakuseSodoma.
6 Baphanga yonke imizi yaseSodoma neGomora, bathatha noLoti, indodana yomfowabo ka-Abrama, nempahla yakhe, bathatha yonke impahla yemizi yaseSodoma, bahamba; u-Unic, inceku ka-Abrama, owayesempini, wakubona lokhu, wamtshela u-Abrama konke amakhosi ayekwenzile emizini yaseSodoma, nokuthi uLoti wayethunjiwe yiwo.
7 U-Abrama wezwa lokhu, wasukuma namadoda angaba ngamakhulu amathathu neshumi nesishiyagalombili ayenaye, yena ngalobo busuku wawaxosha la makhosi, wawanqoba, awela phansi phambi kuka-Abrama namadoda akhe, kwaze kwaba yilapho kungekho muntu osindile ngaphandle kwamakhosi amane abaleka, yilowo nalowo wahamba ngendlela yakhe.
8 U-Abrama wabuyisa yonke impahla yaseSodoma, wabuyisa noLoti nempahla yakhe, nabafazi bakhe nabantwana bakhe nakho konke okwakungokwakhe, uLoti waswela lutho.
9 Kwathi esebuyile ekubulaleni la makhosi, yena nabantu bakhe badlula esigodini saseSidimi lapho amakhosi ayelwe khona ndawonye.
10 UBera inkosi yaseSodoma kanye nabanye abantu bakhe ababenaye baphuma emigodini yelayisi ababewele kuyo, ukuyohlangabeza u-Abrama namadoda akhe.
11 U-Adonizedeki inkosi yaseJerusalema, okunguShemi, waphuma namadoda akhe ukuyohlangabeza u-Abrama nabantu bakhe, enesinkwa newayini, bahlala ndawonye esigodini sikaMeleki.
12 U-Adonizedeki wambusisa u-Abrama, u-Abrama wamnika okweshumi kukho konke ayekutholile empangweni yezitha zakhe, ngokuba u-Adonizedeki wayengumpristi phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
13 Futhi wonke amakhosi aseSodoma naseGomora ayelapho, kanye nezinceku zawo, asondela ku-Abrama amncenga ukuba abuyisele izinceku zawo ayezithumbile, futhi azithathele yonke impahla.
14 U-Abrama waphendula amakhosi aseSodoma, wathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova owadala izulu nomhlaba, nowangihlenga kuzo zonke izinhlupheko, nowangikhulula namuhla ezitheni zami, wabanikela esandleni sami, angiyikuthatha lutho olungolwakho, ukuze ungaziqhenyi kusasa, uthi: ‘U-Abrama ucebile ngempahla yethu ayisindise.’
15 Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wami engithembele kuye ithe kimi, Awuyikuswela lutho, ngoba ngizokubusisa kuyo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zakho.
16 Ngakho-ke bhekani, konke okungokwakho, kuthatheni nihambe; kuphila kukaJehova angiyikuthatha kini kumuntu ophilayo kuze kube yizicathulo noma intambo, ngaphandle kwezindleko zokudla kwalabo abaphuma nami empini, kanye nezabelo zamadoda ahamba nami, u-Anari, u-Ashikoli, noMamre, bona namadoda abo, kanye nalabo abasele ukuqapha imithwalo, bona bazothatha isabelo sabo sempango.
17 Amakhosi aseSodoma amnika u-Abrama njengakho konke ayekushilo, amcindezela ukuba athathe noma yini ayithandayo, kepha akavumanga.
18 Wasebaxosha amakhosi aseSodoma kanye nabanye abantu bawo, wabayala ngoLoti; bahamba baya ezindaweni zabo.
19 Futhi uLoti, indodana yomfowabo, naye wamhambisa kanye nempahla yakhe, wahamba nabo, futhi uLoti wabuyela ekhaya lakhe, eSodoma, no-Abrama nabantu bakhe babuyela ekhaya labo emathafeni aseMamre, aseHebroni.
20 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wabonakala ku-Abrama eHebroni, wathi kuye: “Ungesabi, umvuzo wakho mkhulu kakhulu phambi kwami, ngokuba angiyikukushiya ngize ngikwandise, ngikubusise, ngenze inzalo yakho ibe njengezinkanyezi zasezulwini, ezingenakulinganiswa, ezingenakubalwa.”
21 Ngiyakunika inzalo yakho wonke la mazwe owabonayo ngamehlo akho, ngiyinike wona abe yifa laphakade; qina

kuphela, ungesabi; hamba phambi kwami, ube ngopheleleyo.
22 Ngomnyaka wamashumi ayisikhombisa nesishiyagalombili wokuphila kuka-Abrama, ngalowo nyaka uRehu, indodana kaPhelege, wafa, zonke izinsuku zikaRehu zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili namashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye, wafa.
23 USarayi, indodakazi kaHarana, umka-Abrama, wayesalokhu eyinyumba ngalezo zinsuku; wayengamzaleli u-Abrama indodana noma indodakazi.
24 Kwathi esebonile ukuthi wayengazali abantwana, wathatha incekukazi yakhe uHagari, uFaro ayemnike yona, wayinika u-Abrama indoda yakhe, ibe ngumkakhe.
25 Ngoba uHagari wafunda zonke izindlela zikaSarayi njengoba uSarayi amfundisa, wayengenaphutha nhlobo ekulandeleni izindlela zakhe ezinhle.
26 USarayi wathi ku-Abrama: “Bheka, nansi incekukazi yami uHagari, hamba uye kuye ukuze azalele emadolweni ami, ukuze nami ngithole abantwana ngaye.”
27 Kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka eyishumi yokuhlala kuka-Abrama ezweni laseKhanani, okungumnyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nanhlanu wokuphila kuka-Abrama, uSarayi wamnika uHagari.
28 U-Abrama walalela izwi lomkakhe uSarayi, wathatha incekukazi yakhe uHagari; u-Abrama weza kuye; wakhulelwa.
29 Kwathi uHagari ebona ukuthi ukhulelwe, wajabula kakhulu, inkosikazi yakhe yadeleleka emehlweni akhe, wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: “Lokhu kungukuthi ngingcono kuNkulunkulu kunoSarayi inkosikazi yami, ngokuba zonke izinsuku inkosikazi yami ibilokhu inenkosi yami, ayizange ikhulelwe, kodwa mina uJehova ungenzele isikhathi esifushane kangaka ukuba ngikhulelwe yiyo.”
30 Kwathi uSarayi ebona ukuthi uHagari ukhulelwe ngu-Abrama, uSarayi waba nomona ngencekukazi yakhe, uSarayi wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: “Lokhu akukho okunye ngaphandle kokuthi kumelwe ukuba ungcono kunami.”
31 USarayi wathi ku-Abrama: “Ububi bami mabube phezu kwakho, ngokuba ngesikhathi ukhuleka phambi kukaJehova ucele abantwana, awungithandazelanga ngani ukuba uJehova angiphe inzalo kuwe na?”
32 Futhi uma ngikhuluma noHagari phambi kwakho, uyawalahla amazwi ami, ngoba ukhulelwe, futhi ngeke usho lutho kuye; sengathi iNkosi ingahlulela phakathi kwami nawe ngalokho okwenzile kimi.
33 U-Abrama wathi kuSarayi: “Bheka, incekukazi yakho isesandleni sakho; yenza kuyo okuhle emehlweni akho.” USarayi wayihlupha, uHagari wabaleka waya ehlane.
34 Ingelosi kaJehova yamfumana endaweni lapho ayebalekele khona, ngasemthonjeni, yathi kuye: “Ungesabi, ngokuba ngiyakwandisa inzalo yakho, ngokuba uzakuzala indodana, uyiqambe igama lokuthi u-Ishmayeli; buyela kuSarayi inkosikazi yakho, uzithobe phansi kwesandla sayo.”
35 UHagari wabiza indawo yalowo mthombo ngokuthi iBeri Lahayi Royi, ephakathi kweKadeshi nehlane laseBeredi.
36 UHagari wabuyela endlini yenkosi yakhe ngaleso sikhathi, kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku uHagari wamzalela indodana u-Abrama, u-Abrama waqamba igama layo ngokuthi u-Ishmayeli; u-Abrama wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesithupha lapho emzala.

ISAHLUKO 17

1 Ngalezo zinsuku, ngonyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanye wokuphila kuka-Abrama, abantwana bakwaKitimi balwa nabantwana bakwaThubali, ngokuba lapho uJehova ebahlakazile abantwana babantu ebusweni bomhlaba, abantwana bakwaKitimi bahamba, bazinza ethafeni laseKhanopia, bazakhela imizi lapho, bahlala ngasemfuleni iTibreu.
2 Abantwana bakwaThubali bahlala eThukana, umkhawulo wabo wafinyelela emfuleni iTibrewu; abantwana bakwaThubali bakha umuzi eThukana, bawuqamba igama lokuthi uSabina ngegama likaSabina indodana kaThubali uyise, bahlala khona kuze kube namuhla.
3 Ngaleso sikhathi abantwana baseKitimi balwa nabantwana baseThubali, abantwana baseThubali banqotshwa phambi kwabantwana baseKitimi, abantwana baseKitimi babulala amadoda angamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisikhombisa kubantwana baseThubali.
4 Ngaleso sikhathi abantwana bakwaThubali bafunga kubantwana bakwaKitimi, bathi: “Aniyikuganana nathi, futhi akukho muntu oyakunika indodakazi yakhe kunoma yimuphi wamadodana aseKitimi.”
5 Ngoba wonke amadodakazi kaThubali ayemahle ngalezo zinsuku, ngoba ngaleso sikhathi kwakungekho besifazane emhlabeni wonke ababebahle njengamadodakazi kaThubali.
6 Bonke ababethanda ubuhle babesifazane baya emadodakazini aseThubali bazithathela abafazi kuwo, futhi amadodana abantu, amakhosi nezikhulu, ababethanda ubuhle babesifazane, bathatha abafazi emadodakazini aseThubali ngalezo zinsuku.
7 Kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu emva kokuba abantwana bakwaThubali befungile kubantwana bakwaKitimi ukuthi bangabaniki amadodakazi abo abe ngabafazi babo, amadoda angaba ngamashumi amabili kubantwana bakwaKitimi aya ukuyothatha amadodakazi kaThubali, kodwa awatholanga lutho.
8 Ngoba abantwana bakwaThubali bagcina izifungo zabo zokungaganiselani nabo, futhi abazange baphule izifungo zabo.
9 Kwathi ngezinsuku zokuvuna, abantwana bakwaThubali baya emasimini abo ukuyovuna, lapho izinsizwa zaseKitimi zihlangana, zaya emzini waseSabina, yilowo nalowo wathatha intombi emadodakazini aseThubali, bafika emizini yabo.
10 Abantwana bakwaThubali bezwa ngakho, bahamba bayolwa nabo, kodwa babengenakubanqoba, ngoba intaba yayiphakeme kakhulu kubo, futhi lapho bebona ukuthi babengenakubanqoba, babuyela ezweni labo.
11 Futhi ekuguqukeni konyaka abantwana baseThubali bahamba bayoqasha amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane eziyishumi kuleyo mizi eyayiseduze nabo, futhi balwa nabantwana baseKitimi.
12 Abantwana bakwaThubali balwa nabantwana bakwaKitimi, ukuze bachithe izwe labo futhi babacindezele, futhi kulokhu kuhlasela abantwana bakwaThubali babanqoba abantwana bakwaKitimi, nabantwana bakwaKitimi, bebona ukuthi bacindezeleke

kakhulu, baphakamisa abantwana ababebazele ngamadodakazi kaThubali, odongeni olwalwakhiwe, ukuze babe phambi kwamehlo abantwana bakwaThubali.
13 Abantwana baseKitimi bathi kubo: “Nize ukulwa namadodana namadodakazi enu, asizange sibhekwe njengenyama namathambo enu kusukela ngaleso sikhathi kuze kube manje na?”
14 Lapho abantwana bakwaThubali bezwa lokhu, bayeka ukulwa nabantwana bakwaKitimi, bahamba.
15 Babuyela emizini yabo, abantwana baseKitimi ngaleso sikhathi bahlangana bakha imizi emibili ngaselwandle, futhi bayibiza ngokuthi iPutu kanti enye bayibiza ngokuthi i-Ariza.
16 U-Abrama indodana kaThera wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalolunye ngaleso sikhathi.
17 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wabonakala kuye, wathi kuye: “Ngizokwenza isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami nawe, ngiyandise kakhulu inzalo yakho, futhi yilesi isivumelwano engisenza phakathi kwami nawe: ukuthi bonke abafana basokwe, wena nenzalo yakho emva kwakho.”
18 Uma esenezinsuku eziyisishiyagalombili ubudala, uyakusokwa, lesi sivumelwano sibe senyameni yenu, sibe yisivumelwano esiphakade.
19 Ngakho-ke igama lakho alisayikubizwa ngokuthi u-Abrama, kepha u-Abrahama, nomkakho akasayikubizwa ngokuthi uSarayi, kepha uSara.
20 Ngoba ngizokubusisa nobabili, futhi ngizokwandisa inzalo yakho ngemva kwakho ukuze ube yisizwe esikhulu, futhi amakhosi azovela kuwe.

ISAHLUKO 18

1 U-Abrahama wasukuma wenza konke uNkulunkulu ayemyale ngakho, wathatha amadoda omuzi wakhe kanye nalawo athengwe ngemali yakhe, wabasoka, njengalokho uJehova ayemyalile.
2 Akusalanga muntu angamsokanga, u-Abrahama nendodana yakhe u-Ishmayeli basokwa enyameni yejwabu labo; u-Ishmayeli wayeneminyaka eyishumi nantathu ubudala lapho esokwa enyameni yejwabu lakhe.
3 Ngosuku lwesithathu u-Abrahama waphuma etendeni lakhe, wahlala emnyango ukuze ajabulele ukushisa kwelanga, esezinhlungwini zenyama yakhe.
4 INkosi yabonakala kuye e-owuni yaseMamre, yathumela izingelosi zayo ezintathu ezikhonzayo ukuba zimvakashele, futhi wayehleli emnyango wetende, waphakamisa amehlo akhe wabona, bheka amadoda amathathu ayevela kude, wasukuma wagijima ukuyowahlangabeza, wakhothama kubo wawangenisa endlini yakhe.
5 Wathi kubo: “Uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni enu, ngenani nidle ucezu lwesinkwa.” Wabacindezela, bangena, wabanika amanzi, bageza izinyawo zabo, wazibeka phansi komuthi ngasemnyango wetende.
6 U-Abrahama wagijima, wathatha ithole, elithambile nelihle, washesha ukulihlaba, walinika inceku yakhe u-Eliyezeri ukuba alilungise.
7 U-Abrahama wangena kuSara etendeni, wathi kuye: “Shesha ulungise amaseya amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo, uyixove, wenze amaqebelengwane amboze inyama embizeni.” Wenze njalo.
8 U-Abrahama washesha wabalethela ibhotela nobisi, inyama yenkomo nemvu, wabanika ukuba badle ngaphambi kokuba inyama yethole iphele, badla.
9 Kwathi sebeqedile ukudla, omunye wabo wathi kuye: “Ngizobuya kuwe ngesikhathi esizayo, uSara umkakho uzakuba nendodana.”
10 Ngemva kwalokho amadoda ahamba aya ezindaweni ayethunyelwe kuzo.
11 Ngalezo zinsuku bonke abantu baseSodoma naseGomora, kanye nemizi emihlanu yonke, babebabi kakhulu futhi besona eNkosini futhi bathukuthelisa iNkosi ngezinengiso zabo, futhi baqina ekugugeni ngendlela enengekayo nedelelayo phambi kweNkosi, futhi ububi babo kanye nobugebengu babo babubukhulu ngalezo zinsuku phambi kweNkosi.
12 Futhi ezweni labo babenesigodi esikhulu kakhulu, esingaba yisigamu sosuku, futhi kwakukhona imithombo yamanzi kanye nemifino eminingi ezungeze amanzi.
13 Bonke abantu baseSodoma naseGomora babeya khona kane ngonyaka, kanye nabafazi babo nabantwana babo nabo bonke abangababo, bajabula lapho ngezigubhu nangokusina.
14 Ngesikhathi sokujabula bonke babevuka babambe abafazi bomakhelwane babo, kanye nabanye, amadodakazi angomakhelwane babo, futhi babebajabulela, futhi indoda ngayinye yabona umkayo nendodakazi yayo ezandleni zomakhelwane wayo futhi ayizange isho lutho.
15 Benza njalo kusukela ekuseni kuze kube sebusuku, base bebuyela emakhaya yilowo nalowo muntu, nalowo wesifazane etendeni lakhe; babekwenza kanjalo kane ngonyaka.
16 Futhi lapho umuntu ongaziwa efika emizini yabo futhi eletha izimpahla ayezithengile ngenhloso yokuzilahla lapho, abantu bale mizi babehlangana, amadoda, abesifazane nabantwana, abancane nabadala, baye kulowo muntu bathathe izimpahla zakhe ngenkani, banike umuntu ngamunye okuncane kuze kube yilapho zonke izimpahla zomnikazi ayezilethile ezweni ziphela.
17 Futhi uma umninimpahla ephikisana nabo, ethi, Uyini lo msebenzi eniwenze kimi, babezosondela kuye ngamunye ngamunye, futhi ngamunye wayezombonisa okuncane akuthathile futhi amgcone, ethi, Ngithathe lokho okuncane onginike khona; futhi lapho ezwa lokhu kubo bonke, wayezovuka ahambe kubo ngosizi nangomunyu womphefumulo, lapho bonke bezovuka bamlandele, futhi bamxoshe edolobheni ngomsindo omkhulu nokuxokozela.
18 Kwakukhona indoda evela ezweni lase-Elamu eyayihamba kancane endleleni, ihlezi embongolweni yayo, eyayiphethe ingubo enhle enemibala eyahlukahlukene, futhi ingubo yayiboshwe ngentambo embongolweni.
19 Indoda yayihamba idlula esitaladini saseSodoma lapho ilanga selitshona kusihlwa, yahlala lapho ukuze ilale khona ebusuku, kodwa akekho owayevuma ukumngenisa endlini yayo; ngaleso sikhathi kwakukhona eSodoma indoda embi neyisigebengu, ihlakaniphile ekwenzeni okubi, igama layo kwakunguHedadi.
20 Waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona isihambi emgwaqweni womuzi, weza kuye, wathi: “Uvelaphi, uyaphi na?”
21 Indoda yathi kuye: “Ngisuka eHebroni ngiya e-Elamu lapho ngihlala khona, futhi njengoba ilanga selishonile

akekho ongivumela ukuba ngingene endlini yakhe, noma ngabe ngiphethe isinkwa namanzi kanye notshani nokudla kwembongolo yami, futhi angiswele lutho."
22 UHedadi waphendula wathi kuye: "Konke okudingayo ngizokunika khona, kodwa awuyikulala ubusuku bonke esitaladini."
23 UHedadi wamyisa endlini yakhe, wakhumula ingubo embongolweni ngentambo, wayiyisa endlini yakhe, wayinika imbongolo utshani nokudla, isihambi sidla, siphuza endlini kaHedadi, wahlala khona ngalobo busuku.
24 Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu isihambi savuka ukuze siqhubeke nohambo lwaso, uHedadi wathi kuso: "Linda, duduza inhliziyo yakho ngocezu lwesinkwa bese uhamba." Indoda yenza kanjalo, yahlala nayo, badla, baphuza bobabili emini, lapho indoda ivuka ukuze ihambe.
25 UHedadi wathi kuye: "Bheka, ilanga selishonile, kungcono uhlale ubusuku bonke ukuze inhliziyo yakho iduduzeke." Wamcindezela kangangokuthi wahlala lapho ubusuku bonke, kwathi ngosuku lwesibili wavuka ekuseni kakhulu ukuze ahambe, lapho uHedadi emcindezela, ethi: "Thuthukisa inhliziyo yakho ngocezu lwesinkwa bese uhamba." Wahlala wadla naye nangosuku lwesibili, wabe esevuka lowo muntu ukuze aqhubeke nohambo lwakhe.
26 UHedadi wathi kuye: "Bheka, ilanga selishonile, hlala nami ukuze ududuze inhliziyo yakho, uvuke ekuseni kakhulu uhambe."
27 Kodwa indoda ayizange ivume ukuhlala, kodwa yasukuma yabophela imbongolo yayo, kwathi isabophela imbongolo yayo, umkaHedadi wathi kumyeni wayo: "Bheka, lo muntu usehlale nathi izinsuku ezimbili edla futhi ephuza, kodwa akasinikanga lutho; manje uzohamba kithi engasinikanga lutho?" UHedadi wathi kuye: "Thula."
28 Indoda yayisibophela imbongolo yayo ukuze ihambe, yacela uHedadi ukuba ayinike intambo nejazi ukuze ayibophe embongolweni.
29 UHedadi wathi kuye: "Uthini?" Wathi kuye: "Nkosi yami, nginike intambo nejazi elenziwe ngemibala eyahlukene olifihle endlini yakho ukuze ngikunakekele."
30 UHedadi waphendula indoda, wathi: "Nansi incazelo yephupho lakho; intambo oyibonile isho ukuthi impilo yakho izokwelulwa njengentambo, futhi uma usubone ingubo enemibala ehlukahlukene, kusho ukuthi uzoba nesivini lapho uzotshala khona imithi yezithelo zonke."
31 Isihambi saphendula sathi: "Akunjalo nkosi yami, ngokuba bengivukile lapho ngikunika intambo kanye nengubo elukiwe ngemibala eyahlukene, owayikhumula embongolweni ukuze ungibeke kuyo." UHedadi waphendula wathi: "Impela ngikutshelile incazelo yephupho lakho; liphupho elihle, nansi incazelo yalo."
32 Manje amadodana abantu anginike izinhlamvu ezine zesiliva, okuyisibopho sami sokuhumusha amaphupho, futhi kuwe kuphela ngidinga izinhlamvu ezintathu zesiliva.
33 Indoda yathukuthela ngamazwi kaHedadi, yakhala kabuhlungu, yamyisa kuSeraki umahluleli waseSodoma.
34 Indoda yabeka udaba lwayo phambi kukaSeraki umahluleli, lapho uHedadi ephendula, ethi: "Akunjalo, kodwa udaba lumi kanje." Umahluleli wathi esihambini: "Lo muntu uHedadi ukutshela iqiniso, ngoba udumile emadolobheni ngokuchaza amaphupho ngendlela enembile."
35 Indoda yamemeza ngezwi lomahluleli, yathi, "Akunjalo Nkosi yami, ngoba kwakungosuku engamnika ngalo intambo nejazi elalisembongolweni, ukuze alifake endlini yakhe; bobabili baphikisana phambi komahluleli, omunye ethi, "Le ndaba yayinjalo, omunye wathi okunye."
36 UHedadi wathi kulowo muntu: "Nginike izinhlamvu ezine zesiliva engizikhokhisa ukuchaza amaphupho ami; angiyikunika lutho; unginike nezindleko zokudla ezine ozidlile endlini yami."
37 Indoda yathi kuHedadi: "Ngizokunika imali ngalokho engikudle endlini yakho, kodwa nginike intambo nejazi owalifihla endlini yakho."
38 UHedadi waphendula phambi komahluleli wathi kulowo muntu: Angikutshelanga yini incazelo yephupho lakho? Intambo isho ukuthi izinsuku zakho zizokwandiswa njengentambo, nengubo, ukuthi uzoba nesivini lapho uzotshala khona zonke izinhlobo zemithi yezithelo.
39 Nansi incazelo efanele yephupho lakho; manje nginike izinhlamvu ezine zesiliva engizifunayo njengesinxephezelo, ngoba angizukukunika isabelo.
40 Indoda yakhala ngamazwi kaHedadi, baxabana bobabili phambi komahluleli, umahluleli wayala izinceku zakhe, zabaxosha ngokushesha endlini.
41 Basuka bephikisana nomahluleli, lapho abantu baseSodoma bezwa lokho, babuthana nxazonke, bamemeza ngesihambi, bamxosha ngokushesha emzini.
42 Indoda yaqhubeka nohambo lwayo ikhwele imbongolo yayo inomphefumulo omunyu, ilila futhi ikhala.
43 Kwathi esahamba wakhala ngalokho okwamehlela emzini waseSodoma owonakele.

ISAHLUKO 19

1 Imizi yaseSodoma yayinabahluleli abane emizini emine, nanka amagama ayo: iSeraki emzini waseSodoma, neSharikadi eGomora, neZabinaki e-Adima, neMenoni eSeboyimi.
2 Inceku ka-Eliyezeri u-Abrahama yababiza ngamagama ahlukene, yaguqula uSerak waba nguShakra, uSharkad waba nguShakrura, uZebnac waba nguKezobim, noMenon waba nguMatzlodin.
3 Futhi ngesifiso sabahluleli babo abane abantu baseSodoma naseGomora babenemibhede emigwaqweni yemizi, futhi uma umuntu efika kulezi zindawo babembamba bamlethe komunye wemibhede yabo, bamphoqelele ukuba alale kuyo ngenkani.
4 Kwathi lapho elele phansi, amadoda amathathu ayema ekhanda lakhe namathathu ezinyaweni zakhe, amlinganisa ngobude bombhede, futhi uma indoda yayingaphansi kombhede la madoda ayisithupha ayezomelula emaphethelweni omabili, futhi lapho ebamemeza babengamphenduli.
5 Futhi uma emude kunombhede babezodonsela ndawonye izinhlangothi zombili zombhede ekugcineni ngakunye, kuze kube yilapho umuntu efika emasangweni okufa.
6 Uma eqhubeka ebakhalela, babezomphendula bathi: "Kuyakwenziwa kanjalo kumuntu ongena ezweni lakithi."
7 Kwathi abantu sebezwile zonke lezi zinto ezenziwa ngabantu baseSodoma, bayeka ukuza lapho.
8 Kwakuthi uma umuntu ompofu efika ezweni lakubo, bamnike isiliva negolide, futhi bamemezele kulo lonke idolobha ukuthi angamniki ucezu lwesinkwa, futhi uma umfokazi ehlala lapho izinsuku ezithile, afe ngenxa

yendlala, engakwazi ukuthola ucezu lwesinkwa, lapho efa bonke abantu bomuzi babeza bathathe isiliva negolide labo ababemnike lona.
9 Labo ababekwazi ukubona isiliva noma igolide ababemnike lona balithatha, kwathi ekufeni kwakhe bamhlubula izingubo zakhe, balwa ngazo, futhi lowo owayenqoba umakhelwane wakhe wazithatha.
10 Ngemva kwalokho babemthwala bamngcwabe ngaphansi kwezihlahla ehlane; babesenza kanjalo zonke izinsuku kunoma ubani owayefika kubo afele ezweni lakubo.
11 Kwathi ngokuhamba kwesikhathi uSara wathumela u-Eliyezeri eSodoma, ukuyobona uLoti nokubuza ukuthi uphilile kahle yini.
12 U-Eliyezeri waya eSodoma, wahlangana nendoda yaseSodoma ilwa nomuntu engingamazi, indoda yaseSodoma yakhumula indoda empofu zonke izingubo zayo yahamba.
13 Lo muntu ompofu wakhala ku-Eliyezeri futhi wanxusa umusa wakhe ngenxa yalokho indoda yaseSodoma eyayimenze kona.
14 Wathi kuye: “Ukwenzelani kanje kumuntu ompofu ofike ezweni lakini?”
15 Indoda yaseSodoma yaphendula yathi ku-Eliyezeri: “Lo ungumfowenu, noma abantu baseSodoma bakumise umahluleli namuhla, lokhu ukhuluma ngalo muntu na?”
16 U-Eliyezeri waxabana nendoda yaseSodoma ngenxa yendoda empofu, kwathi lapho u-Eliyezeri esondela ukuyolanda izingubo zendoda empofu kumuntu waseSodoma, washesha washaya u-Eliyezeri ngetshe ebunzini.
17 Igazi laphuma kakhulu ebunzini lika-Eliyezeri, kwathi lapho indoda ibona igazi yambamba u-Eliyezeri, yathi: “Nginike umvuzo wami ngokukususa leli gazi elibi elalisebunzini lakho, ngokuba lokho kuyisiko nomthetho ezweni lakithi.”
18 U-Eliyezeri wathi kuye: “Ungilimazile futhi ufuna ngikukhokhele inkokhelo yakho; kepha u-Eliyezeri akavumanga ukulalela amazwi endoda yaseSodoma.”
19 Indoda yambamba u-Eliyezeri, yamyisa kuShakra, umahluleli waseSodoma, ukuze ahlulelwe.
20 Indoda yakhuluma kumahluleli, yathi: “Ngiyakuncenga nkosi yami, lo muntu wenze kanje, ngokuba ngimshaye ngetshe, igazi laphuma ebunzini lakhe, akafuni ukunginika inkokhelo yami.”
21 Umahluleli wathi ku-Eliyezeri: “Lo muntu ukhuluma iqiniso kuwe, mnike inkokhelo yakhe, ngoba lokhu kuyisiko ezweni lakithi.” U-Eliyezeri wezwa amazwi omahluleli, waphakamisa itshe washaya umahluleli, itshe lashaya ebunzini lakhe, igazi lageleza kakhulu ebunzini lomahluleli, u-Eliyezeri wathi: “Uma-ke lokhu kuyisiko ezweni lakini, mnikeni lo muntu lokho ebengifanele ngimnike kona, ngoba lokhu kube yisinqumo sakho, wena owasinquma.”
22 UEliyezeri washiya indoda yaseSodoma nomahluleli, wahamba.
23 Kwathi lapho amakhosi ase-Elamu eselwile namakhosi aseSodoma, amakhosi ase-Elamu athumba yonke impahla yaseSodoma, athumba uLoti kanye nempahla yakhe, kwathi lapho u-Abrahama etshelwa lokho, wahamba wayolwa namakhosi ase-Elamu, wabuyisa yonke impahla kaLoti kanye nempahla yaseSodoma ezandleni zawo.
24 Ngaleso sikhathi umkaLoti wamzalela indodakazi, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uPaliti, ethi: “Ngokuba uNkulunkulu wayemkhululile yena nendlu yakhe yonke emakhosini ase-Elamu; uPaliti indodakazi kaLoti yakhula, omunye wabantu baseSodoma wamthatha waba ngumfazi wakhe.”
25 Kwafika indoda empofu emzini ukuyofuna ukudla, yahlala emzini izinsuku ezithile, bonke abantu baseSodoma bamemezela isiko labo lokuthi bangamniki lo muntu ucezu lwesinkwa, aze awe phansi, futhi benza kanjalo.
26 Futhi uPaltiti indodakazi kaLoti wambona lo muntu elele emigwaqweni elambile yindlala, futhi akekho owayengamnika lutho lokumgcina ephila, futhi wayesezokufa.
27 Umphefumulo wakhe wagcwala isihawu ngenxa yale ndoda, wayipha ukudla ngasese izinsuku eziningi, umphefumulo wale ndoda waphila.
28 Ngoba lapho ephuma ukuyokha amanzi wayefaka isinkwa esitsheni samanzi, kwathi lapho efika endaweni lapho kwakukhona khona indoda empofu, wathatha isinkwa esitsheni wamnika sona ukuba asidle; wenza kanjalo izinsuku eziningi.
29 Bonke abantu baseSodoma naseGomora bazibuza ukuthi le ndoda ikwazi kanjani ukubekezelela indlala izinsuku eziningi kangaka.
30 Bathi omunye komunye, “Lokhu kumane nje kungenxa yokuthi uyadla futhi aphuze, ngoba akekho umuntu ongabekezelela indlala izinsuku eziningi kangaka noma aphile njengalo muntu, ngaphandle kokushintsha ngisho nobuso bakhe; amadoda amathathu acasha endaweni lapho lo muntu ompofu ayekhona, ukuze azi ukuthi ngubani owayemlethela isinkwa sokudla.”
31 Indodakazi kaPaltithi kaLoti yaphuma ngalolo suku ukuyokha amanzi, yafaka isinkwa esitsheni sayo samanzi, yahamba yayokha amanzi eduze kwendoda empofu, yakhipha isinkwa esitsheni yasinika indoda empofu, yasidla.
32 Amadoda amathathu akubona lokho uPaltithi akwenze kumuntu ompofu, athi kuye: “Nguwe-ke omsekele, ngakho-ke akalambanga, akashintshanga isimo sakhe, akafanga njengabanye.”
33 Amadoda amathathu aphuma endaweni ayecashe kuyo, athatha uPaltithi nesinkwa esasisesandleni somuntu ompofu.
34 Bamthatha uPaltithi bamletha phambi kwabahluleli babo, bathi kubo: “Wenze njalo, futhi nguyena owayepha indoda empofu isinkwa, ngakho akafanga sonke lesi sikhathi; ngakho-ke sitsheleni manje isijeziso salo wesifazane ngokweqa umthetho wethu.”
35 Abantu baseSodoma naseGomora babuthana, babasa umlilo esitaladini somuzi, bamthatha owesifazane, bamphonsa emlilweni, washiswa waba ngumlotha.
36 Futhi emzini wase-Adma kwakukhona owesifazane abamenzela okufanayo.
37 Ngoba isihambi safika emzini wase-Adima ukuze sihlale khona ubusuku bonke, sihlose ukuya ekhaya ekuseni, sahlala phambi komnyango wendlu kayise wentombi, ukuze sihlale lapho, njengoba ilanga lase

lishonile lapho selifikile kuleyo ndawo; intombi yambona ehlezi emnyango wendlu.
38 Wacela amanzi okunatha kuye, wathi kuye: “Ungubani?” Wathi kuye: “Bengihamba endleleni namuhla, ngafika lapha ilanga selishonile, ngakho-ke ngizolala lapha ubusuku bonke, kuthi ekuseni ngivuke ekuseni ngiqhubeke nohambo lwami.”
39 Intombi yangena endlini, yalethela indoda isinkwa namanzi ukuba idle, iphuze.
40 Futhi le ndaba yaziwa ngabantu base-Adma, base behlangana futhi baletha intombi phambi kwabahluleli, ukuze bayihlulele ngalesi senzo.
41 Umahluleli wathi, Isigwebo sokufa kumelwe sidluliselwe kulona wesifazane ngoba weqe umthetho wethu, ngakho-ke yilesi isinqumo esiphathelene naye.
42 Abantu baleyo mizi babuthana bakhipha intombi, bayigcoba ngoju kusukela ekhanda kuya ezinyaweni, njengoba umahluleli ayeshilo, bayibeka phambi kwequlu lezinyosi ezazisezidlekeni zazo ngaleso sikhathi, izinyosi zandiza zayiluma kangangokuthi umzimba wayo wonke wavuvukala.
43 Intombi yakhala ngenxa yezinyosi, kodwa akekho owayinaka noma owayizwela, ukukhala kwayo kwakhuphukela ezulwini.
44 INkosi yathukuthela ngalokhu kanye nayo yonke imisebenzi yemizi yaseSodoma, ngoba yayinokudla okuningi, futhi yayinokuthula phakathi kwayo, kodwa yayingasakwazi ukondla abampofu nabaswele, futhi ngalezo zinsuku izenzo zabo ezimbi nezono zaba zinkulu phambi kweNkosi.
45 UJehova wathumela ukuba kubizwe izingelosi ezimbili ezazize endlini ka-Abrahama, ukuze zibhubhise iSodoma nemizi yalo.
46 Izingelosi zasukuma emnyango wetende lika-Abrahama, ngemva kokudla nokuphuza, zafika eSodoma kusihlwa, uLoti wayehlezi esangweni laseSodoma, kwathi lapho ezibona wasukuma wazihlangabeza, wakhothama phansi.
47 Wabacindezela kakhulu, wabangenisa endlini yakhe, wabapha ukudla, badla; bahlala ubusuku bonke endlini yakhe.
48 Izingelosi zathi kuLoti: “Suka, phuma kule ndawo, wena nabo bonke abakho, funa ubhujiswe ebubini balo muzi, ngokuba uJehova uyakubhubhisa le ndawo.”
49 Izingelosi zabamba isandla sikaLoti nesandla somkakhe, nezandla zabantwana bakhe, nakho konke okwakungokwakhe, zamkhipha zammisa ngaphandle kwemizi.
50 Bathi kuLoti, Baleka, usinde impilo yakho. Wabaleka yena nakho konke okungokwakhe.
51 Khona-ke uJehova wanisa phezu kweSodoma naphezu kweGomora naphezu kwayo yonke le mizi isibabule nomlilo kuvela kuJehova ezulwini.
52 Wachitha le mizi, lonke ithafa nabo bonke abakhileyo emizini, nalokho okwakumila emhlabathini; u-Ado, umkaLoti, wabheka emuva ukuze abone ukubhujiswa kwemizi, ngokuba isihawu sakhe sasishukunyiswa ngamadodakazi akhe asele eSodoma, ngoba awahambanga naye.
53 Kwathi lapho ebheka emuva waba yinsika kasawoti, futhi isekhona kuleyo ndawo kuze kube namuhla.
54 Izinkabi ezazimi kuleyo ndawo nsuku zonke zazikhotha usawoti kuze kube sezinyaweni zazo, futhi ekuseni wawuzohluma kabusha, futhi baphinde bawukhotha kuze kube namuhla.
55 ULoti namadodakazi akhe amabili ayesesele naye babaleka, babalekela emhumeni wase-Adulamu, bahlala lapho isikhathi esithile.
56 U-Abrahama wavuka ekuseni kakhulu ukuyobona ukuthi kwenzekeni emizini yaseSodoma; wabheka, wabona umusi wemizi ukhuphuka njengomusi wesithando.
57 ULoti namadodakazi akhe amabili bahlala emhumeni, base bemphuzisa uyise iwayini, balala naye, ngoba bathi akukho muntu emhlabeni owayengaveza inzalo kubo, ngoba babecabanga ukuthi wonke umhlaba ubhujisiwe.
58 Bobabili balala noyise, bakhulelwa, bazala amadodana; izibulo laqamba igama lendodana yalo ngokuthi uMowabi, lathi: “Ngamkhulelwa ngubaba; unguyise wabakwaMowabi kuze kube namuhla.”
59 Encane nayo yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi uBenami; unguyise wabantwana bakwa-Amoni kuze kube namuhla.
60 Ngemva kwalokhu uLoti namadodakazi akhe amabili basuka lapho, bahlala ngaphesheya kweJordani namadodakazi akhe amabili namadodana awo, futhi amadodana kaLoti akhula, ahamba azithathela abafazi ezweni laseKhanani, futhi azala abantwana futhi bazala futhi banda.

ISAHLUKO 20

1 Ngaleso sikhathi u-Abrahama wasuka e-oki laseMamre, waya ezweni lamaFilisti, wahlala eGerari; kwakungumnyaka wamashumi amabili nanhlanu u-Abrahama ehlala ezweni laseKhanani, nonyaka wekhulu wokuphila kuka-Abrahama, wafika eGerari ezweni lamaFilisti.
2 Kwathi sebefikile ezweni, wathi kuSara umkakhe: “Wothi ungudadewethu, noma ubani obuza kuwe, ukuze sibalekele ububi babantu balelo zwe.”
3 Kwathi u-Abrahama ehlala ezweni lamaFilisti, izinceku zika-Abimeleki, inkosi yamaFilisti, zabona ukuthi uSara muhle kakhulu, zambuza u-Abrahama ngaye, wathi: “Ungudadewethu.”
4 Izinceku zika-Abimeleki zaya ku-Abimeleki, zathi: “Kukhona umuntu wasezweni laseKhanani ofikile ukuzogogobala ezweni, unodadewabo omuhle kakhulu.”
5 U-Abimeleki wezwa amazwi ezinceku zakhe ezazimdumisa uSara, u-Abimeleki wathuma izinceku zakhe, zamletha uSara enkosini.
6 USara wafika endlini ka-Abimeleki, inkosi yabona ukuthi uSara muhle, yamjabulisa kakhulu.
7 Wasondela kuye, wathi kuye: “Ungubani lowo muntu owafika naye ezweni lakithi?” USara waphendula wathi: “Ungumfowethu; sivela ezweni laseKhanani, sizohlala nomaphi lapho singafumana khona indawo.”
8 U-Abimeleki wathi kuSara: “Bheka izwe lami liphambi kwakho, beka umfowenu kunoma iyiphi ingxenye yaleli zwe oyithandayo, futhi kuyoba umsebenzi wethu ukumphakamisa nokumphakamisa ngaphezu kwabo bonke abantu bezwe njengoba engumfowenu.”
9 U-Abimeleki wathumela ukuba kubizwe u-Abrahama; u-Abrahama weza ku-Abimeleki.

10 U-Abimeleki wathi ku-Abrahama: “Bheka, ngiyalile ukuthi udumo lwakho luzakwenziwa ngenxa kadadewenu uSara.”
11 U-Abrahama waphuma enkosini, isipho senkosi samlandela.
12 Njengasebusuku, ngaphambi kokuba abantu balale phansi ukuze baphumule, inkosi yayihlezi esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, ubuthongo obukhulu bayiwela, yalala esihlalweni sobukhosi yalala kwaze kwaba sekuseni.
13 Waphupha ingelosi yeNkosi ifika kuye inenkemba ehoshiweyo esandleni sayo, ingelosi yema phezu kuka-Abimeleki, ifisa ukumbulala ngenkemba, inkosi yesaba ephusheni layo, yathi engelosini: “Ngoneni kuwe ukuthi uze ukuzongibulala ngenkemba yakho?”
14 Ingelosi yaphendula yathi ku-Abimeleki: “Bheka, uyafa ngenxa yowesifazane omlethe izolo endlini yakho, ngokuba ungumfazi oganile, umka-Abrahama ofike endlini yakho; ngalokho buyisela lowo muntu umkakhe, ngokuba ungumkayo; uma ungambuyiseli, yazi ukuthi uyakufa nokufa, wena nabo bonke abakho.”
15 Ngalobo busuku kwaba khona ukukhala okukhulu ezweni lamaFilisti, izakhamuzi zezwe zabona isithombe sendoda imi nenkemba ehoshiwe esandleni sayo, yabulala izakhamuzi zezwe ngenkemba, yebo yaqhubeka nokubabulala.
16 Ingelosi kaJehova yalishaya lonke izwe lamaFilisti ngalobo busuku, kwaba khona isiphithiphithi esikhulu ngalobo busuku nangakusasa ekuseni.
17 Izibeletho zonke zazivaliwe, nazo zonke izitho zabo zazivaliwe, isandla sikaJehova sasiphezu kwabo ngenxa kaSara umka-Abrahama, u-Abimeleki ayemthathile.
18 Kwathi ekuseni u-Abimeleki wavuka ethukile, edidekile, enokwesaba okukhulu, wathumela ukuba kubizwe izinceku zakhe, wazilandisa iphupho lakhe, abantu besaba kakhulu.
19 Indoda ethile eyayimi phakathi kwezinceku zenkosi yaphendula inkosi, yathi: “Nkosi, buyisela lo wesifazane kumyeni wakhe, ngokuba ungumyeni wakhe, ngokuba kwenzeka okufanayo enkosini yaseGibhithe lapho lo muntu efika eGibhithe.”
20 Wathi ngomkakhe: “Ungudadewethu,” ngokuba wenza kanjalo nxa efika ukuyohlala ezweni agogobele kulo.
21 UFaro wathumela wathatha lo wesifazane waba ngumkakhe, uJehova wamshaya ngezinhlupho ezinkulu waze wambuyisela owesifazane kumyeni wakhe.
22 Ngakho-ke, nkosi ebusayo, yazi okwenzekile izolo kulo lonke izwe, ngoba kwakukhona ukwesaba okukhulu nobuhlungu obukhulu kanye nokukhala, futhi siyazi ukuthi kwakungenxa yowesifazane omthathile.
23 Ngakho-ke, buyiselani lo wesifazane kumyeni wakhe, funa kusehlele njengoba kwenzeka kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe nasezikhonzini zakhe, futhi singafi; u-Abimeleki washesha wabiza, wabiza uSara, weza phambi kwakhe, naye wabiza u-Abrahama, weza phambi kwakhe.
24 U-Abimeleki wathi kubo: “Yini le nto eniyenzile ngokuthi ningumfowethu nodadewethu, mina ngimthathile lo wesifazane ukuba abe ngumkami?”
25 U-Abrahama wathi: “Ngokuba bengicabanga ukuthi ngizofa ngenxa yomkami; u-Abimeleki wathatha izimvu nezinkomo, nezinceku nezincekukazi, nezinhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane, wazinika u-Abrahama, wambuyisela uSara kuye.”
26 U-Abimeleki wathi ku-Abrahama: “Bheka, izwe lonke liphambi kwakho; hlala kulo nomaphi lapho uthanda khona.”
27 U-Abrahama noSara, umkakhe, basuka ebusweni benkosi ngodumo nenhlonipho, bahlala ezweni, ngisho naseGerari.
28 Bonke abakhileyo ezweni lamaFilisti nezinceku zenkosi babesebuhlungwini ngenxa yesifo ingelosi eyayibahlasele ngaso ubusuku bonke ngenxa kaSara.
29 U-Abimeleki wabiza u-Abrahama, wathi: “Khulekela izinceku zakho kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakho ukuba asuse lokhu kufa phakathi kwethu.”
30 U-Abrahama wakhuleka ngenxa ka-Abimeleki nabantu bakhe, uJehova wawuzwa umthandazo ka-Abrahama, wamphulukisa u-Abimeleki nabo bonke abantu bakhe.

ISAHLUKO 21

1 Kwathi ekupheleni konyaka nezinyanga ezine u-Abrahama ehlala ezweni lamaFilisti eGerari, uNkulunkulu wamhambela uSara, uJehova wamkhumbula; wakhulelwa, wamzalela u-Abrahama indodana.
2 U-Abrahama waqamba igama lendodana azalelwa yona, uSara amzalela yona, ngokuthi u-Isaka.
3 U-Abrahama wasoka indodana yakhe u-Isaka eneminyaka eyisishiyagalombili, njengalokho uNkulunkulu ayemyalile u-Abrahama ukuba akwenze enzalweni yakhe emva kwakhe; u-Abrahama wayeneminyaka eyikhulu, noSara eneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye, lapho bezalelwa u-Isaka.
4 Umntwana wakhula, walunyulwa; u-Abrahama wenza idili elikhulu mhla u-Isaka elunyulwa.
5 UShemi no-Ebere nabo bonke abantu abakhulu bezwe, no-Abimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti, nezinceku zakhe, noFikoli, induna yempi yakhe, beza ukuzodla, nokuphuza, nokuthokoza edilini u-Abrahama alinzile ngosuku lokukhululwa kwendodana yakhe u-Isaka.
6 UThera, uyise ka-Abrahama, noNahori umfowabo, bavela eHarana, bona nabo bonke abangababo, ngokuba bajabula kakhulu bezwa ukuthi uSara uzele indodana.
7 Bafika ku-Abrahama, badla, baphuza edilini u-Abrahama alilungisa ngosuku lokulunyulwa kuka-Isaka.
8 UThera noNahori bajabula no-Abrahama, bahlala naye izinsuku eziningi ezweni lamaFilisti.
9 Ngaleso sikhathi uSerugi indodana kaRewu wafa, ngonyaka wokuqala wokuzalwa kuka-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama.
10 Zonke izinsuku zikaSerugi zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili namashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye, wafa.
11 U-Ishmayeli indodana ka-Abrahama wakhula ngalezo zinsuku; wayeneminyaka eyishumi nane lapho uSara emzalela u-Abrahama u-Isaka.
12 UNkulunkulu wayeno-Ishmayeli indodana ka-Abrahama, wakhula, wafunda ukusebenzisa umnsalo, waba umcibisheli.
13 Kwathi u-Isaka eneminyaka emihlanu ubudala wayehleli no-Ishmayeli emnyango wetende.
14 U-Ishmayeli wafika ku-Isaka wahlala phambi kwakhe, wathatha umnsalo, wawudonsa, wafaka umcibisholo kuwo, wahlosa ukumbulala u-Isaka.

15 USara wabona isenzo u-Ishmayeli ayefisa ukusenza endodaneni yakhe u-Isaka, futhi kwamzwisa ubuhlungu obukhulu ngenxa yendodana yakhe, wathumela ku-Abrahama, wathi kuye: “Xosha lesi sigqilakazi nendodana yaso, ngoba indodana yaso ngeke idle ifa kanye nendodana yami, ngoba wayefuna ukwenza kanjalo kuyo namuhla.”
16 U-Abrahama walalela izwi likaSara, wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wathatha izinkwa eziyishumi nambili nebhodlela lamanzi, walinika uHagari, wammukisa nendodana yakhe, uHagari wahamba nendodana yakhe, baya ehlane, bahlala ehlane lasePharanu nabantu basehlane, u-Ishmayeli wayengumcibisheli, wahlala ehlane isikhathi eside.
17 Kamuva yena nonina baya ezweni laseGibhithe, bahlala khona, uHagari wathathela indodana yakhe umfazi eGibhithe, ogama lakhe kwakunguMeriba.
18 Umka-Ishmayeli wakhulelwa wazala amadodana amane namadodakazi amabili, kwathi u-Ishmayeli nonina kanye nomkakhe kanye nabantwana bakhe bahamba babuyela ehlane.
19 Bazenzela amatende ehlane, lapho babehlala khona, futhi baqhubeka nokuhamba bese bephumula nyanga zonke nangonyaka.
20 UNkulunkulu wanika u-Ishmayeli izimvu, nezinkomo, namatende ngenxa ka-Abrahama uyise; lowo muntu wanda kakhulu ngezinkomo.
21 U-Ishmayeli wahlala ehlane nasematendeni, ehamba futhi ephumula isikhathi eside, futhi akabonanga ubuso bukayise.
22 Ngemva kwesikhathi esithile, u-Abrahama wathi kuSara umkakhe, Ngizohamba ngiyobona indodana yami u-Ishmayeli, ngoba nginesifiso sokuyibona, ngoba angikaze ngiyibone isikhathi eside.
23 U-Abrahama wagibela enye yamakamela akhe waya ehlane ukuyofuna indodana yakhe u-Ishmayeli, ngoba wayezwile ukuthi uhlala etendeni ehlane kanye nakho konke okungokwakhe.
24 U-Abrahama waya ehlane, wafika etendeni lika-Ishmayeli cishe emini, wabuza u-Ishmayeli, wathola umka-Ishmayeli ehleli etendeni nabantwana bakhe, u-Ishmayeli umyeni wakhe nonina bengekho nabo.
25 U-Abrahama wabuza umka-Ishmayeli, wathi: “Uyephi u-Ishmayeli?” Wathi: “Uye endle ukuyozingela, u-Abrahama wayesagibele ikamela, ngoba wayengafuni ukuwela phansi njengoba ayefungile kumkakhe uSara ukuthi wayengeke ehle ekameleni.”
26 U-Abrahama wathi kumka-Ishmayeli: “Ndodakazi yami, ngiphe amanzi amancane, ngiphuze, ngokuba ngikhathele uhambo.”
27 Umka-Ishmayeli waphendula wathi ku-Abrahama: “Asinamanzi nasinkwa, kepha wahlala etendeni, akamnakanga u-Abrahama, futhi akambuzanga ukuthi ungubani.”
28 Kodwa wayeshaya abantwana bakhe etendeni, futhi wayebaqalekisa, futhi waqalekisa nomyeni wakhe u-Ishmayeli futhi wamthuka, u-Abrahama wezwa amazwi omka-Ishmayeli kubantwana bakhe, wathukuthela kakhulu futhi wacasuka.
29 U-Abrahama wamemeza owesifazane ukuba aphume etendeni eze kuye; owesifazane weza wema phambi kuka-Abrahama, ngokuba u-Abrahama wayesagibele ikamela.
30 U-Abrahama wathi kumka-Ishmayeli: “Nxa u-Ishmayeli umyeni wakho esebuyile ekhaya, khuluma lawa mazwi kuye, uthi:
31 Indoda endala kakhulu evela ezweni lamaFilisti ifikile lapha ukuzokufuna, futhi yayinjalo indlela yayo nokubukeka kwayo; angimbuzanga ukuthi ingubani, futhi njengoba ungekho lapha yakhuluma nami yathi, Lapho u-Ishmayeli umyeni wakho ebuya, mtshele ukuthi le ndoda ishilo kanje, 'Lapho ufika ekhaya beka lesi sipikili setende osibeke lapha, bese ubeka esinye isipikili esikhundleni saso.'
32 U-Abrahama eseqedile ukuyala owesifazane, waphenduka wagibela ikamela elibangise ekhaya.
33 Ngemva kwalokho u-Ishmayeli wabuya ekuxosheni yena nonina, wabuyela etendeni, umkakhe wakhuluma la mazwi kuye,
34 Indoda endala kakhulu evela ezweni lamaFilisti yeza ukuzokufuna, futhi yayinjalo ukubukeka kwayo nesimo sayo; angimbuzanga ukuthi ingubani, futhi njengoba wawungekho ekhaya, yathi kimi, Lapho umyeni wakho efika ekhaya, mtshele ukuthi, 'Indoda endala ithi, Susa isikhonkwane setende osibeke lapha, ubeke esinye isikhonkwane esikhundleni saso.'
35 U-Ishmayeli wezwa amazwi omkakhe, wazi ukuthi nguyise, nokuthi umkakhe akamhloniphi.
36 U-Ishmayeli wawaqonda amazwi kayise ayewakhulume kumkakhe, u-Ishmayeli walalela izwi likayise, u-Ishmayeli wamlahla lowo wesifazane wahamba.
37 Ngemva kwalokho u-Ishmayeli waya ezweni laseKhanani, wathatha omunye umfazi wamyisa etendeni lakhe endaweni ayehlala kuyo ngaleso sikhathi.
38 Kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu u-Abrahama wathi, Ngizophinde ngiyobona u-Ishmayeli indodana yami, ngoba angikaze ngimbone isikhathi eside.
39 Wagibela ikamela lakhe waya ehlane, wafika etendeni lika-Ishmayeli cishe emini.
40 Wabuza u-Ishmayeli, umkakhe waphuma etendeni, wathi: “Akekho lapha nkosi yami, ngoba uye kozingela endle, walusa amakamela.” Owesifazane wathi ku-Abrahama: “Ngena enkosini yami etendeni, udle isinkwa, ngokuba umphefumulo wakho ukhathele ngenxa yohambo.”
41 U-Abrahama wathi kuye: “Angiyikuma, ngokuba ngiyashesha ukuhamba, ngiphe amanzi amancane, ngokuba ngomile.” Owesifazane washesha wagijimela etendeni, wamlethela u-Abrahama amanzi nesinkwa, wakubeka phambi kwakhe; wamncenga ukuba adle; wadla, waphuza, inhliziyo yakhe yaduduzeka, wambusisa indodana yakhe u-Ishmayeli.”
42 Waqeda ukudla kwakhe, wambonga uJehova, wathi kumka-Ishmayeli: “Nxa u-Ishmayeli efika ekhaya, mtshele lawa mazwi, uthi:
43 Kwafika indoda endala kakhulu evela ezweni lamaFilisti, yabuza ngawe, kepha ubungekho lapha; ngamlethela isinkwa namanzi, wadla, waphuza, inhliziyo yakhe yaduduzeka.
44 Wakhuluma la mazwi kimi: Lapho u-Ishmayeli umyeni wakho efika ekhaya, uthi kuye, Isipikili setende onalo sihle kakhulu, ungasibeki kude netende.
45 U-Abrahama eseqedile ukuyala owesifazane, wagibela waya ekhaya lakhe ezweni lamaFilisti; kwathi u-Ishmayeli

efika etendeni lakhe, umkakhe waphuma ukumhlangabeza ngenjabulo nenhliziyo ethokozayo.
46 Wathi kuye: “Kufike ixhegu livela ezweni lamaFilisti; linjalo-ke isimo salo; likubuza, kepha awukho lapha; ngamlethela isinkwa namanzi; wadla, waphuza, inhliziyo yakhe yaduduzeka.”
47 Wakhuluma la mazwi kimi, wathi: “Nxa u-Ishmayeli umyeni wakho efika ekhaya, mtshele ukuthi: ‘Isipikili setende onalo sihle kakhulu, ungasibeki kude netende.’
48 U-Ishmayeli wayazi ukuthi nguyise, nokuthi umkakhe wayemhloniphile, futhi iNkosi yambusisa u-Ishmayeli.

ISAHLUKO 22

1 U-Ishmayeli wabe esesukuma wathatha umkakhe nabantwana bakhe nezinkomo zakhe nakho konke okwakungokwakhe, wahamba esuka lapho waya kuyise ezweni lamaFilisti.
2 U-Abrahama watshela u-Ishmayeli indodana yakhe isivumelwano no-Ishmayeli owayemthathile, njengalokho akwenza.
3 U-Ishmayeli nabantwana bakhe bahlala no-Abrahama izinsuku eziningi kulelo zwe; u-Abrahama wahlala ezweni lamaFilisti isikhathi eside.
4 Izinsuku zanda zafinyelela eminyakeni engamashumi amabili nesithupha, kwathi ngemva kwalokho u-Abrahama nezinceku zakhe nabo bonke ababenaye basuka ezweni lamaFilisti, bahamba ibanga elide, bafika eHebroni, bahlala lapho; izinceku zika-Abrahama zemba imithombo yamanzi, u-Abrahama nabo bonke ababenaye bahlala ngasemanzini; izinceku zika-Abimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti zezwa umbiko wokuthi izinceku zika-Abrahama zazimbe imithombo yamanzi emikhawulweni yezwe.
5 Bafika baxabana nezinceku zika-Abrahama, baziphanga umthombo omkhulu ababewumbile.
6 Kwathi u-Abimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti ezwa ngale ndaba, yena noFikoli induna yempi yakhe namadoda angamashumi amabili akhe beza ku-Abrahama, u-Abimeleki wakhuluma no-Abrahama ngezinceku zakhe, u-Abrahama wamsola u-Abimeleki ngomthombo izinceku zakhe ezazimphangile.
7 U-Abimeleki wathi ku-Abrahama: “Kuphila kukaJehova owadala umhlaba wonke, angizange ngizwe ngesenzo izinceku zami ezenze ezincekwini zakho kuze kube namuhla.”
8 U-Abrahama wathatha izimvukazana eziyisikhombisa, wazinika u-Abimeleki, wathi: “Ake uthathe lezi esandleni sami, zibe ngubufakazi bokuthi ngiwumbile lo mthombo.”
9 U-Abimeleki wathatha amawundlukazi ayisikhombisa u-Abrahama ayemnike wona, ngokuba wayemnike nezinkomo nezinkomo eziningi; u-Abimeleki wafunga ku-Abrahama ngomthombo; ngalokho waqamba lowo mthombo ngokuthi iBeri Sheba, ngokuba bafunga khona bobabili.
10 Bobabili benza isivumelwano eBeri Sheba; u-Abimeleki wasukuma noFikoli induna yempi yakhe nabo bonke abantu bakhe, babuyela ezweni lamaFilisti; u-Abrahama nabo bonke abakhe bahlala eBeri Sheba, wahlala kulelo zwe isikhathi eside.
11 U-Abrahama watshala isihlahla esikhulu eBeri Sheba, wakha amasango amane kuso abheke ezinhlangothini ezine zomhlaba, watshala isivini kuso, kangangokuthi uma isihambi sifika ku-Abrahama sasingena kunoma yiliphi isango elalisendleleni yaso, sihlale lapho sidle, siphuze, saneliseke, bese sihamba.
12 Ngoba indlu ka-Abrahama yayihlala ivulekele amadodana abantu ababedlula futhi bebuya, ababeza nsuku zonke ukuzodla nokuphuza endlini ka-Abrahama.
13 Noma yimuphi umuntu owayelambile futhi eza endlini ka-Abrahama, u-Abrahama wayemnika isinkwa ukuze adle, aphuze, aneliseke, futhi noma ubani owayeza endlini yakhe wayembathisa izingubo ngendlela angathanda ngayo, futhi wayemnika isiliva negolide futhi amazise iNkosi eyamdala emhlabeni; lokhu u-Abrahama wakwenza konke ukuphila kwakhe.
14 U-Abrahama nabantwana bakhe nabo bonke abakhe bahlala eBeri Sheba, wamisa itende lakhe kwaze kwaba seHebroni.
15 Umfowabo ka-Abrahama uNahori noyise nabo bonke abangababo bahlala eHarana, ngokuba abafikanga no-Abrahama ezweni laseKhanani.
16 UNahori wazalelwa abantwana uMilka, indodakazi kaHarana, udadewabo kaSara, umka-Abrahama, amzalela bona.
17 Lawa angamagama alabo abazalelwa wona: u-Use, noBuzi, noKemuweli, noKesedi, noHazo, noPilidashi, noTidilafi, noBetuweli, amadodana ayisishiyagalombili; yilawo ngamadodana kaMilka awazalela uNahori umfowabo ka-Abrahama.
18 UNahori wayenesancinza esigama laso linguRewuma, wazala noNahori, noZebaki, noGakashi, noTahashi, noMahakha, amadodana amane.
19 Abantwana abazalelwa uNahori babe ngamadodana ayishumi nambili ngaphandle kwamadodakazi akhe, futhi nabo bazalelwa abantwana eHarana.
20 Amadodana ka-Uzi izibulo likaNahori kwakungu-Abi, uKherefi, uGadini, uMelusi, noDebora udadewabo.
21 Amadodana kaBuzi kwakunguBherakeli, uNahamati, uSheva noMadoni.
22 Amadodana kaKemuweli kwakungu-Aramu noRekhobi.
23 Amadodana kaKesedi kwakungu-Anamleki, uMeshayi, uBhenoni no-Ifi; amadodana kaHazo kwakunguPilidashi, uMekhi no-Oferi.
24 Amadodana kaPildashi kwakungu-Arudi, uHamumu, uMeredi noMoloki.
25 Amadodana kaTidlaf kwakunguMushani, uKushani noMutsi.
26 Amadodana kaBhethuweli kwakunguSekari, uLabani nodadewabo uRebheka.
27 Lezi ziyimindeni yabantwana bakaNahori abazalelwa eHarana; u-Aramu indodana kaKemuweli noRekobi umfowabo basuka eHarana, bafumana isigodi ezweni ngasemfuleni i-Ewufrathe.
28 Bakha umuzi lapho, bawuqamba igama lomuzi ngegama likaPethori indodana ka-Aramu, okungukuthi i-Aramu Naharayimi kuze kube namuhla.
29 Abantwana bakwaKesedi nabo baya bahlala lapho babengase bathole khona indawo, bahamba bathola isigodi esiphambi kwezwe laseShinari, bahlala khona.
30 Bakha umuzi lapho, bawuqamba igama lomuzi ngokuthi iKesedi ngegama likayise; yilelo zwe lamaKasidi kuze

kube namuhla; amaKasidi ahlala kulelo zwe, azala, anda kakhulu.
31 UThera, uyise kaNahori no-Abrahama, wahamba wayothatha omunye umfazi esemdala, igama lakhe kwakunguPelila, wakhulelwa, wamzalela indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uZoba.
32 UThera waphila iminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu emva kokuzala uZoba.
33 UThera wafa ngalowo nyaka, okungumnyaka wamashumi amathathu nanhlanu wokuzalwa kuka-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama.
34 Izinsuku zikaThera zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili nanhlanu; wangcwatshwa eHarana.
35 UZoba indodana kaThera waphila iminyaka engamashumi amathathu, wazala u-Aramu, no-Akili, noMeriki.
36 U-Aramu indodana kaZoba, indodana kaThera, wayenabafazi abathathu, wazala amadodana ayishumi nambili namadodakazi amathathu; uJehova wanika u-Aramu indodana kaZoba ingcebo nempahla, nezinkomo eziningi, nezimvu nezinkomo eziningi; lowo muntu wanda kakhulu.
37 U-Aramu indodana kaZoba nomfowabo kanye nayo yonke indlu yakhe basuka eHarana, baya kuhlala lapho babezothola khona indawo, ngoba impahla yabo yayinkulu kakhulu ukuba ihlale eHarana; ngoba babengenakuma eHarana kanye nabafowabo, abantwana bakaNahori.
38 U-Aramu indodana kaZoba wahamba nabafowabo, bathola isigodi kude ngasezweni elisempumalanga, bahlala khona.
39 Bakha umuzi lapho, bawuqamba igama lawo ngokuthi i-Aramu ngegama lomfowabo omkhulu; okungukuthi i-Aramu Zoba kuze kube namuhla.
40 U-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama wayekhula ngalezo zinsuku, u-Abrahama uyise wamfundisa indlela kaJehova ukuze azi uJehova, futhi uJehova wayenaye.
41 Kwathi u-Isaka eneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa ubudala, u-Ishmayeli umfowabo wayehamba naye etendeni.
42 U-Ishmayeli wazigqaja ku-Isaka, ethi, Nganginemiyaka eyishumi nantathu ubudala lapho iNkosi ikhuluma nobaba ukuthi asisoke, futhi ngenza ngokwezwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma kubaba, futhi nganikela umphefumulo wami eNkosini, futhi angizange ngeqe izwi layo eyaliyala ubaba.
43 U-Isaka wamphendula u-Ishmayeli, wathi: "Ungizingelelani ngalokhu, ngengxenyana yenyama yakho oyithathile esiswini sakho, uJehova akuyale ngayo na?"
44 Njengoba uJehova ephila, uNkulunkulu kababa u-Abrahama, uma uJehova ebengathi kubaba: 'Thatha indodana yakho u-Isaka, uyilethe ibe ngumnikelo phambi kwami,' bengingeke ngiyeke kodwa bengizoyivuma ngenjabulo.'
45 UJehova wezwa izwi u-Isaka alikhuluma ku-Ishmayeli, kwaba kuhle emehlweni kaJehova, wacabanga ukumlinga u-Abrahama ngale ndaba.
46 Lwafika usuku lapho amadodana kaNkulunkulu eza azimisa phambi kweNkosi, noSathane naye weza namadodana kaNkulunkulu phambi kweNkosi.
47 UJehova wayesethi kuSathane: "Uvelaphi na?" USathane wamphendula uJehova, wathi: "Ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni nasekuhambeni kuwo."
48 INkosi yathi kuSathane, "Uthini kimi ngabantwana bonke bomhlaba?" USathane waphendula iNkosi wathi, "Ngibabonile bonke abantwana bomhlaba abakukhonzayo futhi ngiyakukhumbula lapho befuna noma yini kuwe."
49 Futhi uma ubapha lokho abakufunayo kuwe, bahlala ngokukhululeka, bakushiye futhi abasakukhumbuli.
50 Uke wambona u-Abrahama indodana kaThera, owayengenabantwana ekuqaleni, futhi wakukhonza futhi wakha ama-altare kuwe nomaphi lapho ayefika khona, futhi wanikela ngeminikelo phezu kwawo, futhi wamemezela igama lakho njalo kubo bonke abantwana bomhlaba.
51 Manje njengoba indodana yakhe u-Isaka izelwe, ukushiyile, wenzele bonke abakhileyo ezweni idili elikhulu, futhi iNkosi ikukhohliwe.
52 Ngoba phakathi kwakho konke akwenzile akakulethelanga mnikelo; noma umnikelo wokushiswa noma umhlatshelo wokuthula, noma inkabi, noma imvu noma imbuzi yakho konke akuhlabile ngosuku indodana yakhe eyalunyulwa ngalo.
53 Kusukela ekuzalweni kwendodana yakhe kuze kube manje, eneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa, akakhisanga i-altare phambi kwakho, futhi akalethanga mnikelo kuwe, ngoba ebonile ukuthi unikele ngalokho akucelile phambi kwakho, ngakho-ke wakushiya.
54 INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Uyinakile inceku yami uAbrahama kanje? Ngoba kakho onjengaye emhlabeni, indoda epheleleyo leqotho phambi kwami, owesaba uNkulunkulu futhi obalekela okubi; njengoba ngiphila, uma bengingathi kuye: Letha uIsaka indodana yakho phambi kwami, ubengeke ayigodle kimi, kakhulu uma bengimtshela ukuthi alethe umnikelo wokushiswa phambi kwami emhlambini wakhe wezimvu noma ezinkomeni zakhe.
55 USathane wamphendula uJehova, wathi: "Khuluma no-Abrahama njengalokho ushilo, ubone ukuthi akayikuphula yini amazwi akho namuhla."

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1 Ngaleso sikhathi izwi likaJehova lafika ku-Abrahama, lathi kuye: "Abrahama!" Wathi: "Ngilapha."
2 Wathi kuye: "Thatha indodana yakho, indodana yakho eyodwa oyithandayo, u-Isaka, uye ezweni laseMoriya, unikele ngayo lapho ibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa entabeni ethile ozakuyiboniswa, ngokuba lapho uzobona ifu nenkazimulo kaJehova."
3 U-Abrahama wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: "Ngingayahlukanisa kanjani indodana yami u-Isaka nonina uSara, ukuze ngimnikele abe ngumnikelo wokushiswa phambi kukaJehova na?"
4 U-Abrahama wangena etendeni, wahlala phambi kukaSara umkakhe, wakhuluma lawa mazwi kuye, wathi:
5 Indodana yami u-Isaka isikhulile futhi ayikafundi ukukhonza uNkulunkulu wayo isikhathi esithile, manje kusasa ngizohamba ngiyilethe kuShemi, naku-Ebere indodana yakhe, futhi lapho izofunda khona izindlela zeNkosi, ngoba zizoyifundisa ukwazi iNkosi kanye

nokwazi ukuthi lapho ithandaza njalo phambi kweNkosi, izoyiphendula, ngakho-ke lapho izoyazi indlela yokukhonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wayo.
6 USara wathi: “Ukhulume kahle; hamba nkosi yami, wenze kuye njengokusho kwakho; kodwa ungamsusi kude nami, futhi ungamvumeli ahlale khona isikhathi eside, ngokuba umphefumulo wami uboshelwe emphefumulweni wakhe.”
7 U-Abrahama wathi kuSara: “Ndodakazi yami, masithandaze kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu ukuba asenzele okuhle.”
8 USara wathatha indodana yakhe u-Isaka wahlala naye ubusuku bonke, wamanga, wamanga, wamyala kwaze kwaba sekuseni.
9 Wayesethi kuye: “Ndodana yami, umphefumulo wami ungahlukana kanjani nawe na?” Wamanga, wamgona, wamnika iziyalezo ngaye.
10 USara wathi ku-Abrahama: “Nkosi yami, ake ubheke indodana yakho, uyibheke, ngokuba anginandodana noma indodakazi ngaphandle kwayo.”
11 Ungamshiyi. Uma elambile mnike isinkwa, uma omile mnike amanzi aphuze; ungamvumeli ahambe ngezinyawo, futhi ungamvumeli ahlale elangeni.
12 Ungamvumeli ahambe yedwa endleleni, futhi ungamphoqi ukuba enze noma yini ayifisayo, kodwa yenza kuye njengoba esho kuwe.
13 USara wakhala kakhulu ngenxa ka-Isaka ubusuku bonke, wamyala kwaze kwaba sekuseni.
14 Ekuseni uSara wakhetha ingubo enhle kakhulu nenhle kulezo zingubo ayenazo endlini, u-Abimeleki ayemnike zona.
15 Wamgqokisa u-Isaka indodana yakhe, wamfaka isigqoko ekhanda, wafaka itshe eliyigugu esiqongweni sesigqoko, wabanika umphako wendlela, baphuma, u-Isaka wahamba noyise u-Abrahama, nezinye zezinceku zabo zabaphelezela ukuze babakhiphe endleleni.
16 USara waphuma nabo, wabaphelekezela endleleni eyobaphelekezela, bathi kuye: “Buyela etendeni.”
17 Kwathi uSara ezwa amazwi endodana yakhe u-Isaka wakhala kabuhlungu, u-Abrahama umyeni wakhe wakhala naye, nendodana yabo yakhala nabo isililo esikhulu; nalabo ababehamba nabo bakhala kakhulu.
18 USara wabamba indodana yakhe u-Isaka, wayigona, wayigona, waqhubeka ekhala nayo, uSara wathi: “Ngubani owaziyo ukuthi ngizophinde ngikubone futhi emva kwalolu suku?”
19 Baqhubeka bekhala kanyekanye, u-Abrahama, noSara, no-Isaka, nabo bonke ababehamba nabo endleleni bakhala nabo; uSara waphenduka, washiya indodana yakhe, wakhala kabuhlungu; zonke izinceku zakhe nezincekukazi zakhe zabuyela naye etendeni.
20 U-Abrahama wahamba no-Isaka indodana yakhe ukuyomnikela njengomnikelo phambi kukaJehova, njengalokho ayemyalile.
21 U-Abrahama wathatha izinsizwa zakhe ezimbili, u-Ishmayeli indodana kaHagari, nenceku yakhe u-Eliyezeri, bahamba nabo; kwathi besahamba endleleni, izinsizwa zakhuluma zodwa lawa mazwi,
22 U-Ishmayeli wathi ku-Eliyezeri: “Manje ubaba u-Abrahama uhamba no-Isaka ukuyomnikela njengomnikelo wokushiswa kuJehova, njengoba ayemyalile.”
23 Manje uma ebuya uzonginika konke anakho, ukuze ngibe yifa lakhe ngemva kwakhe, ngoba ngiyizibulo lakhe.
24 U-Eliyezeri waphendula u-Ishmayeli wathi: “Impela u-Abrahama wakuxosha kanye nonyoko, wafunga ukuthi awuyikudla ifa lakho konke anakho, nokuthi uzomnika bani konke anakho, kanye nayo yonke ingcebo yakhe, ngaphandle kwami inceku yakhe, ebethembekile endlini yakhe, engimkhonze ubusuku nemini, futhi ngenze konke angifisela khona? Ingabe uzonginika konke anakho ekufeni kwakhe.”
25 Kwathi u-Abrahama ehamba nendodana yakhe u-Isaka endleleni, kwafika uSathane wabonakala ku-Abrahama ngesimo sendoda endala kakhulu, ethobekile futhi enomoya odabukile, wasondela ku-Abrahama wathi kuye: “Uyisiwula noma uyisiwula, ukuthi wenze lokhu namuhla endodaneni yakho eyodwa?”
26 Ngoba uNkulunkulu ukuphe indodana ezinsukwini zakho zokugcina, ekugugeni kwakho, futhi uzohamba uyoyibulala namuhla ngoba engenzanga ubudlova, futhi uzobangela ukuba umphefumulo wendodana yakho eyodwa ubhubhe emhlabeni?
27 Awazi yini futhi awuqondi ukuthi le nto ayiveli kuJehova? Ngoba uJehova akanakwenza okubi kangaka kumuntu emhlabeni, athi kuye: Hamba ubulale umntwana wakho.
28 U-Abrahama wezwa lokhu futhi wazi ukuthi kwakuyizwi likaSathane elizama ukumsusa endleleni yeNkosi, kodwa u-Abrahama akafunanga ukulalela izwi likaSathane, futhi u-Abrahama wamkhuza waze wahamba.
29 USathane wabuya weza ku-Isaka; wabonakala ku-Isaka ngesimo sensizwa enhle nebukekayo.
30 Wasondela ku-Isaka wathi kuye: “Awazi yini ukuthi uyihlo omdala oyisiwula uyakuyisa ekubulaweni ngeze namuhla?”
31 Ngakho-ke, ndodana yami, ungamlaleli futhi ungamlaleli, ngoba ungumuntu omdala oyisiwula, futhi ungavumeli umphefumulo wakho oyigugu nomzimba wakho omuhle kunyamalale emhlabeni.
32 U-Isaka wezwa lokhu, wathi ku-Abrahama: “Baba, uzwile lokho okukhulunywa yilo muntu na?”
33 U-Abrahama waphendula indodana yakhe u-Isaka, wathi kuye: “Mqaphele ungalaleli amazwi akhe, ungamnaki, ngokuba unguSathane, ozama ukusisusa namuhla emiyalweni kaNkulunkulu.”
34 U-Abrahama waqhubeka nokukhuza uSathane, uSathane wasuka kubo, kwathi ebona ukuthi akanakubanqoba wazifihla kubo, wahamba wadlula phambi kwabo endleleni; waphenduka waba umfudlana omkhulu wamanzi endleleni, u-Abrahama no-Isaka nezinsizwa zakhe ezimbili bafika kuleyo ndawo, babona umfudlana omkhulu nonamandla njengamanzi amakhulu.
35 Bangena emfuleni, badlula kuwo, amanzi aqala ukufika ezinyaweni zabo.
36 Bangena bajula emfuleni, amanzi afinyelela ezintanyeni zabo, bonke besaba ngenxa yamanzi; kwathi ngesikhathi bewela umfudlana u-Abrahama wayibona leyo ndawo, wazi ukuthi kwakungekho manzi lapho ngaphambili.
37 U-Abrahama wathi endodaneni yakhe u-Isaka: “Ngiyazi le ndawo lapho kwakungekho mfula namanzi khona; manje-ke nguSathane lo owenza konke lokhu kithi, ukuze asisuse emiyalweni kaNkulunkulu namuhla.”

38 U-Abrahama wamsola wathi kuye, INkosi mayikukhuze, Sathane, suka kithi ngoba sihamba ngemiyalo kaNkulunkulu.
39 USathane wesaba ngezwi lika-Abrahama, wasuka kubo, futhi indawo yaphinde yaba umhlabathi owomile njengoba yayinjalo ekuqaleni.
40 U-Abrahama wahamba no-Isaka baya endaweni uNkulunkulu ayemtshele yona.
41 Ngosuku lwesithathu u-Abrahama waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wayibona indawo uNkulunkulu ayemtshele yona isekude.
42 Kwabonakala kuye insika yomlilo eyayifinyelela ezulwini isuka emhlabeni, nefu lenkazimulo phezu kwentaba, nenkazimulo kaJehova yabonakala efwini.
43 U-Abrahama wathi ku-Isaka: "Ndodana yami, uyakubona yini entabeni leyo esiyibona kude, lokho engikubona kuyo na?"
44 U-Isaka waphendula wathi kuyise: "Ngiyabona, bheka, insika yomlilo nefu, nenkazimulo kaJehova iyabonakala efwini."
45 U-Abrahama wayazi ukuthi indodana yakhe u-Isaka yamukelekile phambi kukaJehova njengomnikelo wokushiswa.
46 U-Abrahama wathi ku-Eliyezeri naku-Ishmayeli indodana yakhe: "Niyakubona lokho esikubonayo entabeni ekude na?"
47 Baphendula bathi: "Asiboni lutho olunye ngaphandle kwezinye izintaba zomhlaba." U-Abrahama wayazi ukuthi uJehova wayengabamukelanga ukuba bahambe nabo, u-Abrahama wathi kubo: "Hlalani lapha nembongolo, mina nendodana yami u-Isaka siyakuya entabeni leyo, sikhulekele uJehova, bese sibuya kini."
48 UEliyezeri no-Ishmayeli bahlala kuleyo ndawo, njengoba u-Abrahama ayemyalile.
49 U-Abrahama wathatha izinkuni zomnikelo wokushiswa, wazibeka phezu kuka-Isaka indodana yakhe; wathatha umlilo nommese, bahamba bobabili baya kuleyo ndawo.
50 Kwathi sebehamba, u-Isaka wathi kuyise: "Bheka, ngibona umlilo nezinkuni lapha, iphi-ke imvu yomnikelo wokushiswa phambi kukaJehova na?"
51 U-Abrahama waphendula indodana yakhe u-Isaka, wathi: "UJehova ukukhethile ndodana yami, ube ngumnikelo wokushiswa ophelele esikhundleni semvu."
52 U-Isaka wathi kuyise: "Ngizokwenza konke uJehova akushilo kuwe ngenjabulo nangokujabula kwenhliziyo."
53 U-Abrahama waphinda wathi ku-Isaka indodana yakhe: "Ukhona yini umcabango noma icebo enhliziyweni yakho ngalokhu okungafanele na? Ngitshele ndodana yami, ake ungifihlele lokho."
54 U-Isaka wamphendula uyise u-Abrahama, wathi kuye: "Baba, kuphila kukaJehova nokuphila komphefumulo wakho, akukho lutho enhliziyweni yami olungenza ngiphambuke ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesobunxele ezwini alikhulume kuwe."
55 Akukho lungu noma imisipha eshukunyisiwe noma eshukunyisiwe ngalokhu, futhi akukho enhliziyweni yami umcabango noma icebo elibi mayelana nalokhu.
56 Kodwa ngijabule kakhulu ngale ndaba, futhi ngithi, Makabongwe uJehova ongikhethele namuhla ukuba ngibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa phambi kwakhe.
57 U-Abrahama wajabula kakhulu ngamazwi ka-Isaka, bahamba, bafika endaweni uJehova ayekhulume ngayo.
58 U-Abrahama wasondela ukwakha i-altare kuleyo ndawo, u-Abrahama wakhala, u-Isaka wathatha amatshe nodaka baze baqeda ukwakha i-altare.
59 U-Abrahama wathatha izinkuni, wazihlela phezu kwe-altare ayelakhile.
60 Wathatha indodana yakhe u-Isaka, wayibopha, wayibeka phezu kwezinkuni ezazise-altare, ukuze ayihlabe njengomnikelo wokushiswa phambi kukaJehova.
61 U-Isaka wathi kuyise: "Ngibophe ngokuqinile, ungibeke e-altare, funa ngiphenduke, ngiphunyuke esandleni sommese phezu kwenyama yami, ngingcolise umnikelo wokushiswa." U-Abrahama wenza kanjalo.
62 U-Isaka waqhubeka wathi kuyise: "Baba, uma usungibulele wangishisa njengomnikelo, thatha okuseleyo komlotha wami, ulethe kuSara umama, uthi kuye: 'Lokhu kuyiphunga elimnandi lika-Isaka;' kodwa ungamtsheli lokhu uma ehlala eduze komthombo noma endaweni ephakeme, funa angilahle, afe."
63 U-Abrahama wezwa amazwi ka-Isaka, waphakamisa izwi lakhe wakhala lapho u-Isaka ekhuluma lawa mazwi; izinyembezi zika-Abrahama zaconsa phezu kuka-Isaka indodana yakhe, u-Isaka wakhala kabuhlungu, wathi kuyise: "Shesha, baba, wenze kimi intando kaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu njengoba ekuyalile."
64 Izinhliziyo zika-Abrahama no-Isaka zajabula ngalokhu uJehova ayebayale ngakho; kodwa iso lakhala kabuhlungu kuyilapho inhliziyo ijabula.
65 U-Abrahama wambopha indodana yakhe u-Isaka, wayibeka e-altare phezu kwezinkuni, u-Isaka welula intamo yakhe e-altare phambi kukayise, u-Abrahama welula isandla sakhe ukuze athathe ummese ukuze ahlabe indodana yakhe njengomnikelo wokushiswa phambi kukaJehova.
66 Ngaleso sikhathi izingelosi zesihe zeza phambi kweNkosi zakhuluma naye ngo-Isaka, zathi,
67 0 Nkosi, uyiNkosi enomusa nesihawu phezu kwakho konke okudalile ezulwini nasemhlabeni, futhi uyabasekela bonke; ngakho-ke nikeza isihlengo nesihlengo esikhundleni senceku yakho u-Isaka, futhi ube nesihawu nozwelo ku-Abrahama no-Isaka indodana yakhe, abenza imiyalo yakho namuhla.
68 Ubonile, Nkosi, ukuthi u-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama inceku yakho uboshelwe ekuhlatshweni njengesilwane? Ngakho-ke ake uvuse isihawu sakho kubo, Nkosi.
69 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wabonakala ku-Abrahama, wambiza esezulwini, wathi kuye: "Ungabeki isandla sakho kumfana, ungenzi lutho kuye, ngokuba ngiyazi manje ukuthi uyamesaba uNkulunkulu ngokwenza lesi senzo, nangokungangigodleli indodana yakho, indodana yakho eyodwa."
70 U-Abrahama waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona, bheka, inqama ibanjwe esihlahleni ngezimpondo zayo; leyo yayiyinqama uJehova uNkulunkulu ayidala emhlabeni ngosuku adala ngalo umhlaba nezulu.
71 Ngoba uJehova wayelungise le nqama kusukela ngalolo suku, ibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa esikhundleni sika-Isaka.
72 Futhi le nqama yayisondela ku-Abrahama lapho uSathane embamba futhi ebamba izimpondo zakhe

esihlahleni, ukuze angaqhubeki aye ku-Abrahama, ukuze u-Abrahama abulale indodana yakhe.
73 U-Abrahama, ebona inqama isondela kuye noSathane eyibambe, wayithatha wayiyisa phambi kwe-altare, wayikhulula indodana yakhe u-Isaka esibophweni sakhe, wabeka inqama esikhundleni sayo, u-Abrahama wayihlaba inqama phezu kwe-altare, wayinikela njengomnikelo esikhundleni sendodana yakhe u-Isaka.
74 U-Abrahama wafafaza igazi lenqama e-altare, wamemeza wathi: "Lokhu kungokwendodana yami, futhi lokhu kungabhekwa namuhla njengegazi lendodana yami phambi kukaJehova."
75 Futhi konke u-Abrahama akwenza ngalesi sikhathi ngase-altare, wayememeza athi, Lokhu kusegumbini lendodana yami, futhi kwangathi namuhla kungabhekwa phambi kweNkosi esikhundleni sendodana yami; u-Abrahama waqeda yonke inkonzo ngase-altare, futhi inkonzo yamukelwa phambi kweNkosi, futhi yabalwa njengokungathi kwakungu-Isaka; futhi iNkosi yambusisa u-Abrahama nenzalo yakhe ngalolo suku.
76 USathane waya kuSara, wabonakala kuye ngesimo sendoda endala ethobekile kakhulu futhi emnene, kanti u-Abrahama wayesamatasa ngomnikelo wokushiswa phambi kweNkosi.
77 Wathi kuye: "Awuyazi yini yonke imisebenzi u-Abrahama ayenzile ngendodana yakho eyodwa namuhla?" ngoba wathatha u-Isaka wakha i-altare, wambulala, wamletha njengomhlatshelo phezu kwe-altare, u-Isaka wakhala wakhala phambi kukayise, kodwa akambhekanga, futhi akabanga nazwelo ngaye.
78 USathane waphinda la mazwi, wasuka kuye, uSara wezwa wonke amazwi kaSathane, futhi wamcabanga ukuthi uyindoda endala phakathi kwamadodana abantu ababenendodana yakhe, futhi wayeze wamtshela lezi zinto.
79 USara waphakamisa izwi lakhe wakhala, wakhala kabuhlungu ngenxa yendodana yakhe; wawa phansi, wathela uthuli ekhanda lakhe, wathi: "Ndodana yami, Isaka, ndodana yami, sengathi ngabe ngifile namuhla esikhundleni sakho." Waqhubeka ekhala, wathi: "Kungidabukisa ngawe, ndodana yami, ndodana yami Isaka, sengathi ngabe ngifile namuhla esikhundleni sakho."
80 Waqhubeka ekhala, wathi, Kungidabukisa ngawe ngemva kokuba ngikukhulisile futhi ngikukhulisile; manje injabulo yami iphenduke ukulila ngawe, mina ebengikulangazelela, futhi ngakhala futhi ngathandaza kuNkulunkulu ngaze ngakuzala uneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye ubudala; manje usukhonze namuhla ukuze uthole ummese nomlilo, ukuze kwenziwe umnikelo.
81 Kodwa ngiyaziduduza ngawe, ndodana yami, ngokuba yizwi leNkosi, ngoba ugcwalise umyalo kaNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba ngubani ongaphula izwi likaNkulunkulu wethu, omphefumulo wazo zonke izidalwa eziphilayo usezandleni zakhe?
82 Ulungile, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, ngoba yonke imisebenzi yakho mihle futhi ilungile; ngoba nami ngiyajabula ngezwi lakho owayala ngalo, futhi ngenkathi iso lami likhala kabuhlungu inhliziyo yami iyathokoza.
83 USara wabeka ikhanda lakhe esifubeni sesinye sezincekukazi zakhe, wathula njengetshe.
84 Ngemva kwalokho wasukuma wahambahamba ebuza waze wafika eHebroni, wabuza bonke labo abahlangana nabo behamba endleleni, futhi akekho owayengamtshela ukuthi kwenzekeni endodaneni yakhe.
85 Wafika nezincekukazi zakhe nezinceku zakhe eKireyati-Arba, okuyiHebroni, wabuza ngeNdodana yakhe, wahlala lapho ngesikhathi ethumela ezinye zezinceku zakhe ukuyofuna ukuthi u-Abrahama wayeye kuphi no-Isaka; baya bayomfuna endlini kaShemi no-Ebere, kodwa abamtholanga, bamfuna kulo lonke izwe kodwa wayengekho lapho.
86 Bheka, uSathane weza kuSara ngesimo sendoda endala, weza wema phambi kwakhe, wathi kuye, Ngikuqambe amanga, ngoba u-Abrahama akazange ayibulale indodana yakhe futhi akakafi; futhi lapho ezwa leli zwi injabulo yakhe yaba nkulu kakhulu ngenxa yendodana yakhe, kangangokuthi umphefumulo wakhe waphuma ngenjabulo; wafa wabuthelwa kubantu bakubo.
87 Kwathi u-Abrahama eseqedile inkonzo yakhe wabuyela nendodana yakhe u-Isaka ezinsizweni zakhe, basuka baya eBeri Sheba, bafika ekhaya.
88 U-Abrahama wamfuna uSara, akamtholanga, wabuza ngaye, bathi kuye: "Uye eHebroni ukuyokufuna lapho beniye khona, ngokuba watshelwa kanjalo."
89 U-Abrahama no-Isaka baya kuye eHebroni, kwathi lapho bethola ukuthi usefile baphakamisa amazwi abo bakhala kabuhlungu ngaye; u-Isaka wawa ebusweni bukanina, wakhala ngaye, wathi, Mama, Mama, ungishiye kanjani, futhi uye kuphi? Yebo, ungishiye kanjani!
90 U-Abrahama no-Isaka bakhala kakhulu futhi zonke izinceku zabo zakhala nabo ngenxa kaSara, futhi bamlilela isililo esikhulu nesinzima.

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1 Ukuphila kukaSara kwaba yiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nesikhombisa, uSara wafa; u-Abrahama wasuka phambi kofileyo wakhe ukuyofuna indawo yokungcwaba ukuze angcwabe umkakhe uSara; wahamba wakhuluma nabantwana bakwaHeti, abakhileyo ezweni, wathi:
2 Ngingumfokazi nomfokazi ezweni lakini; ngiphe indawo yokungcwaba ezweni lakini, ukuze ngimmbele ofileyo wami ebusweni bami.
3 Abantwana bakwaHeti bathi ku-Abrahama: "Bheka, izwe liphambi kwakho; ngcwaba ofileyo wakho emathuneni ethu amahle, ngokuba akukho muntu ozakukuvimba ukuba umngcwabe ofileyo wakho."
4 U-Abrahama wathi kubo: "Uma nivuma lokhu, hambani ningincengele ku-Efroni indodana kaZokari, ukuba anginike umhume waseMakaphela, osekugcineni kwensimu yakhe, ngiwuthenge kuye nganoma yini ayifisayo."
5 U-Efroni wayehlala phakathi kwabantwana bakwaHeti, bahamba bambiza, wafika phambi kuka-Abrahama; u-Efroni wathi ku-Abrahama: "Bheka, konke okufunayo inceku yakho iyakukwenza." U-Abrahama wathi: "Cha, kodwa ngiyakuthenga umhume nensimu onayo ngenani lawo, ukuze ube yindawo yokungcwaba kuze kube phakade."
6 U-Efroni waphendula wathi: "Bheka, insimu nomhume kuphambi kwakho, nikeza noma yini oyifunayo." U-Abrahama wathi: "Ngizakukuthenga ngenani eligcwele

kuphela esandleni sakho, nasesandleni salabo abangena esangweni lomuzi wakho, nasesandleni senzalo yakho kuze kube phakade."
7 U-Efroni nabo bonke abafowabo bezwa lokhu, u-Abrahama walinganisa u-Efroni amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amane ezandleni zika-Efroni nasesandleni sabo bonke abafowabo; u-Abrahama wabhala lokhu kuthengiselana, wakubhala futhi wakufakaza ngofakazi abane.
8 Lawa ngamagama ofakazi: u-Amigali indodana ka-Abishna umHeti, u-Adihoromu indodana ka-Ashunaki umHivi, u-Abidoni indodana ka-Ahiramu umGomeri, uBakidi indodana ka-Abudishi umSidoni.
9 U-Abrahama wathatha incwadi yokuthenga, wayibeka engcebweni yakhe, futhi yilawa amazwi u-Abrahama awabhala encwadini, okungukuthi:
10 Ukuthi umhume nensimu u-Abrahama ayithenga ku-Efroni umHeti, nasenzalweni yakhe, nakubo abaphuma emzini wakhe, nasenzalweni yabo kuze kube phakade, kuyakuba yimpahla ka-Abrahama nenzalo yakhe, nakubo abaphuma okhalweni lwakhe, kube yindawo yokungcwaba kuze kube phakade; wabeka uphawu kuwo, wafakaza ngofakazi.
11 Insimu nomhume okuyo, nayo yonke leyo ndawo, kwaqinisekiswa ku-Abrahama nenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe, kubantwana bakwaHeti; bheka, iphambi kweMamre eHebroni, esezweni laseKhanani.
12 Ngemva kwalokho u-Abrahama wangcwaba umkakhe uSara lapho, futhi leyo ndawo kanye nomngcele wayo wonke kwaba yindawo yokungcwaba ka-Abrahama nenzalo yakhe.
13 U-Abrahama wamngcwaba uSara ngokuziqhenya njengoba kwakubonakala ekungcwatshweni kwamakhosi, wangcwatshwa ngezingubo ezinhle kakhulu nezinhle.
14 Esandleni sakhe kwakukhona uShemi, namadodana akhe u-Ebere, no-Abimeleki, kanye no-Anari, no-Ashikoli, noMamre, nabo bonke ababusi bezwe, balandela umbhede wakhe.
15 Izinsuku zikaSara zaziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nesikhombisa, wafa; u-Abrahama wenza isililo esikhulu nesinzima, wagcina isililo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa.
16 Bonke abakhileyo ezweni babaduduza u-Abrahama no-Isaka indodana yakhe ngenxa kaSara.
17 Kwathi lapho izinsuku zokulila kwabo sezidlulile, u-Abrahama wamthumela indodana yakhe u-Isaka, waya endlini kaShemi no-Ebere, ukuyofunda izindlela zeNkosi neziyalezo zayo, u-Abrahama wahlala lapho iminyaka emithathu.
18 Ngaleso sikhathi u-Abrahama wasuka kanye nazo zonke izinceku zakhe, bahamba babuyela ekhaya eBeri Sheba; u-Abrahama nazo zonke izinceku zakhe bahlala eBeri Sheba.
19 Kwathi ngoguquko lonyaka u-Abimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti wafa ngalowo nyaka; wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nantathu ubudala ekufeni kwakhe; u-Abrahama wahamba nabantu bakhe baya ezweni lamaFilisti, baduduza indlu yonke kanye nazo zonke izinceku zakhe, wabe esephenduka wabuyela ekhaya.
20 Kwathi ngemva kokufa kuka-Abimeleki, abantu baseGerari bathatha uBenimaliki indodana yakhe, eneminyaka eyishumi nambili kuphela, bamngcwaba esikhundleni sikayise.
21 Bamqamba igama lokuthi u-Abimeleki ngegama likayise, ngokuba kwakuyisiko labo eGerari; u-Abimeleki waba yinkosi esikhundleni sika-Abimeleki uyise, wahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi.
22 ULoti indodana kaHarana naye wafa ngalezo zinsuku, ngonyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye wokuphila kuka-Isaka, zonke izinsuku zikaLoti aziphila zaziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amane, wafa.
23 Laba bangabantwana bakaLoti, abazalelwa ngamadodakazi akhe; igama lezibulo kwakunguMowabi, igama lesibili kwakunguBenami.
24 Amadodana amabili kaLoti ahamba azithathela abafazi ezweni laseKhanani, azalela wona abantwana; abantwana bakwaMowabi babengo-Edi, noMayoni, noTarsu, noKanvil, amadodana amane, laba bangoyise babantwana bakwaMowabi kuze kube namuhla.
25 Yonke imindeni yabantwana bakaLoti yahamba yayohlala lapho yayingafika khona, ngokuba yazala futhi yanda kakhulu.
26 Bahamba bayokwakha imizi ezweni ababehlala kulo, baqamba amagama emizi abayakha ngamagama abo.
27 UNahori indodana kaThera, umfowabo ka-Abrahama, wafa ngalezo zinsuku ngonyaka wamashumi amane wokuphila kuka-Isaka, zonke izinsuku zikaNahori zaziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisikhombisa nambili, wafa, wangcwatshwa eHarana.
28 Kwathi u-Abrahama ezwa ukuthi umfowabo ufile, wadabuka kakhulu, walilela umfowabo izinsuku eziningi.
29 U-Abrahama wabiza u-Eliyezeri, inceku yakhe, ukuba amnike imiyalelo ngendlu yakhe; weza wema phambi kwakhe.
30 U-Abrahama wathi kuye: "Bheka, sengimdala, angilwazi usuku lokufa kwami, ngokuba sengikhulile; manje suka, uphume, ungayithatheli indodana yami umfazi kule ndawo nakulelizwe, emadodakazini amaKhanani esihlala phakathi kwawo."
31 Kodwa hamba uye ezweni lakithi nasendaweni yokuzalwa kwami, uthathele khona indodana yami umfazi, neNkosi uNkulunkulu wezulu nomhlaba eyangithatha endlini kababa yangiletha kule ndawo, yathi kimi: 'Ngizonika inzalo yakho leli zwe libe yifa layo kuze kube phakade,' izothumela ingelosi yayo phambi kwakho futhi iphumelelise indlela yakho, ukuze utholele indodana yami umfazi emndenini wami nasendlini kababa.'
32 Inceku yaphendula inkosi yayo u-Abrahama, yathi: "Bheka, ngiya endaweni yakho yokuzalelwa nasendlini kayihlo, ngithathele indodana yakho umfazi lapho; kepha uma owesifazane engathandi ukungilandela kuleli zwe, ngiyakuyibuyisela indodana yakho ezweni lokuzalelwa kwakho na?"
33 U-Abrahama wathi kuye: "Qaphela ukuba ungayibuyiseli indodana yami lapha, ngokuba uJehova engihambe phambi kwakhe uyakuthumela ingelosi yakhe phambi kwakho, aphumelelise indlela yakho."
34 U-Eliyezeri wenza njengoba u-Abrahama ayemyalile, u-Eliyezeri wafunga ku-Abrahama inkosi yakhe ngale ndaba; u-Eliyezeri wasukuma wathatha amakamela ayishumi emakameleni enkosi yakhe, namadoda ayishumi ezincekwini zenkosi yakhe, basuka baya eHarana, umuzi

ka-Abrahama noNahori, ukuyofunela u-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama umfazi; kwathi sebehambile u-Abrahama wathumela endlini kaShemi no-Ebere, baletha indodana yakhe u-Isaka lapho.
35 U-Isaka wafika endlini kayise eBeri Sheba, u-Eliyezeri namadoda akhe bafika eHarana; bafika emzini ngasemanzini, waguqa amakamela akhe ngasemanzini, ahlala lapho.
36 U-Eliyezeri, inceku ka-Abrahama, wathandaza wathi: "Nkulunkulu ka-Abrahama inkosi yami, ake ungiphumelelise namuhla, ubonise umusa enkosini yami, ukuba uyinike indodana yenkosi yami umfazi emndenini wayo namuhla."
37 UJehova walizwa izwi lika-Eliyezeri ngenxa yenceku yakhe u-Abrahama, wahlangana nendodakazi kaBetuweli indodana kaMilka, umkaNahori, umfowabo ka-Abrahama; u-Eliyezeri wafika endlini yakhe.
38 U-Eliyezeri wabatshela zonke izinto ezazimkhathaza, nokuthi wayeyinceku ka-Abrahama, futhi bamjabulela kakhulu.
39 Bonke bambusisa uJehova owaletha lokhu, bamnika uRebheka, indodakazi kaBetuweli, abe ngumkakhe ka-Isaka.
40 Intombi yayibukeka kahle kakhulu, yayiyintombi, uRebeka wayeneminyaka eyishumi ngalezo zinsuku.
41 UBethuweli noLabani nabantwana bakhe benza idili ngalobo busuku, u-Eliyezeri namadoda akhe bafika badla, baphuza, bajabula lapho ngalobo busuku.
42 U-Eliyezeri wavuka ekuseni, yena namadoda ayenaye, wabiza bonke abendlu kaBethuweli, wathi: "Ngimukiseni ukuze ngiye enkosini yami." Basukuma bammukisa uRebeka nomzanyana wakhe uDebora, indodakazi ka-Uzi, bamnika isiliva negolide, izinceku nezincekukazi, bambusisa.
43 Base bemthuma u-Eliyezeri namadoda akhe; izinceku zamthatha uRebeka, wahamba, wabuyela enkosini yakhe ezweni laseKhanani.
44 U-Isaka wamthatha uRebheka waba ngumkakhe, wamngenisa etendeni.
45 U-Isaka wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane ubudala lapho ethatha uRebeka, indodakazi kaBetuweli, umalume wakhe, ukuba abe ngumkakhe.

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1 Kwathi ngaleso sikhathi u-Abrahama wathatha umfazi esemdala, ogama lakhe linguKetura, wasezweni laseKhanani.
2 Wamzalela uZimrani, noJokishani, noMedani, noMidiyani, no-Ishibaki, noShuwaki, bonke bengamadodana ayisithupha. Amadodana kaZimrani kwakungu-Abiheni, noMoliki, noNarimu.
3 Amadodana kaJokishani kwakunguSheba noDedani, amadodana kaMedani kwakungu-Amida, noJowabe, noGoki, no-Elisha, noNothaki; amadodana kaMidiyani kwakungu-Efa, no-Eferi, noHanoki, no-Abhida, no-Elidaha.
4 Amadodana ka-Ishbaki kwakunguMakiro, uBeyodua noTatori.
5 Amadodana kaShuwaki kwakunguBilidadi, uMamdadi, uMunani, noMebani; bonke laba babe yimindeni yabantwana bakaKetura, owesifazane waseKhanani, amzalela u-Abrahama umHebheru.
6 U-Abrahama wabaxosha bonke laba, wabapha izipho, basuka endodaneni yakhe u-Isaka bayohlala nomaphi lapho babengayithola khona indawo.
7 Bonke laba baya entabeni ngasempumalanga, bazakhela imizi eyisithupha abahlala kuyo kuze kube namuhla.
8 Kepha abantwana bakwaSheba nabaseDedani, abantwana bakwaJokishani, nabantwana babo, abahlalanga nabafowabo emizini yabo, bahamba, bamisa emaphandleni nasehlane kuze kube namuhla.
9 Abantwana bakwaMidiyani, indodana ka-Abrahama, baya ngasempumalanga yezwe laseKushe, bathola isigodi esikhulu ezweni lasempumalanga, bahlala lapho, bakha umuzi, bahlala kuwo, okuyizwe lakwaMidiyani kuze kube namuhla.
10 UMidiyani wahlala emzini awakhayo, yena namadodana akhe amahlanu nabo bonke ababengabakhe.
11 Lawa angamagama amadodana kaMidiyani ngamagama awo emizini yawo: i-Efa, ne-Eferi, neHanoki, ne-Abida, ne-Elidaha.
12 Amadodana ka-Efa kwakunguMethaki, noMeshari, no-Avi, noZanuwa; amadodana ka-Eferi kwakungu-Efroni, noSuri, no-Aluruni, noMedini; amadodana kaHanoki kwakunguRehuweli, noRekemi, no-Azi, no-Alyoshubi, no-Aladi.
13 Amadodana ka-Abhida kwakunguHuri, noMeludi, noKeruri, noMolki; amadodana ka-Elidaha kwakunguMikeri, noReba, noMalikhiya, noGaboli; lawa angamagama amaMidiyani ngemindeni yawo; kamuva imindeni yamaMidiyani yasakazeka kulo lonke izwe lakwaMidiyani.
14 Lezi ziyizizukulwane zika-Ishmayeli indodana ka-Abrahama, uHagari, incekukazi kaSara, amzalela u-Abrahama.
15 U-Ishmayeli wathatha umfazi ezweni laseGibhithe, ogama lakhe lalinguRiba, okungukuthi iMeriba.
16 URiba wazala u-Ishmayeli uNebayoti, noKedari, no-Adibeli, noMibisamu, noBosemati udadewabo.
17 U-Ishmayeli wamlahla umkakhe uRiba, wasuka kuye, wabuyela eGibhithe endlini kayise, wahlala lapho, ngokuba wayemubi kakhulu emehlweni ka-Ishmayeli naphambi kukayise u-Abrahama.
18 Ngemva kwalokho u-Ishmayeli wathatha umfazi ezweni laseKhanani, ogama lakhe lalinguMalkuthi; wamzalela uNishma, noDuma, noMasa, noChadadi, noThema, noJetur, noNafishi, noKedema.
19 Lawa ngamadodana ka-Ishmayeli, futhi lawa amagama awo, ayeyizikhulu eziyishumi nambili ngokwezizwe zawo; futhi imindeni ka-Ishmayeli yasakazeka kamuva, u-Ishmayeli wathatha abantwana bakhe nayo yonke impahla ayeyizuzile, kanye nemiphefumulo yendlu yakhe nakho konke okwakungokwakhe, bahamba bayohlala lapho babezofuna khona indawo.
20 Bahamba bahlala eduze kwehlane lasePharanu, kusukela eHavila kwaze kwaba seShuri, eliphambi kweGibhithe, lapho ungena e-Asiriya.
21 U-Ishmayeli namadodana akhe bahlala kulelo zwe, bazala abantwana, bazala, banda kakhulu.

22 Lawa angamagama amadodana kaNebayoti, izibulo lika-Ishmayeli: uMend, uSend, uMeyon; amadodana kaKedari ayengo-Aliyoni, noKezem, noHamadi, no-Eli.
23 Amadodana ka-Adibeli kwakunguHamadi noJabini; amadodana kaMibisamu kwakungu-Obadiya, no-Ebedi Meleki noJewushi; yile imindeni yabantwana bakaRiba, umka-Ishmayeli.
24 Amadodana kaMishima indodana ka-Ishmayeli kwakunguShamuwa, uZekaryoni no-Obede; amadodana kaDuma kwakunguKesedi, u-Eli, uMakimadi no-Amedi.
25 Amadodana kaMasa kwakunguMeloni, uMula no-Ebidadoni; amadodana kaHadadi kwakungu-Azuri, uMinazari no-Ebhedimeleki; amadodana kaThema kwakunguSeyiri, uSadoni noJakoli.
26 Amadodana kaJethuri kwakunguMerithi, noJayishi, no-Aleyo, noPhakhothi; amadodana kaNafishi kwakungu-Ebedi-Tamedi, no-Abhiyasafa, noMiri; amadodana kaKedema kwakunguKalip, noTakti, no-Omiri; labo babe ngabantwana bakaMalkuti, umka-Ishmayeli, ngemindeni yabo.
27 Bonke laba bayimindeni ka-Ishmayeli ngezizukulwane zabo; bahlala emazweni abazakhele kuwo imizi kuze kube namuhla.
28 URebeka indodakazi kaBethuweli, umka-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama, wayeyinyumba ngalezo zinsuku, engenabantwana; u-Isaka wahlala noyise ezweni laseKhanani; uJehova wayeno-Isaka; u-Arpakishade indodana kaShemi indodana kaNowa wafa ngalezo zinsuku, ngonyaka wamashumi amane nesishiyagalombili wokuphila kuka-Isaka, zonke izinsuku zika-Arpakishade aziphila zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amane namashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili, wafa.

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1 Kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amahlanu nesishiyagalolunye wokuphila kuka-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama, uRebeka umkakhe wayeyinyumba ngalezo zinsuku.
2 URebeka wathi ku-Isaka: “Ngizwile impela, nkosi yami, ukuthi unyoko uSara wayeyinyumba ezinsukwini zakhe kwaze kwaba yilapho iNkosi yami u-Abrahama, uyihlo, imthandazela, wakhulelwa nguye.”
3 Ngakho-ke sukuma, uthandaze kuNkulunkulu futhi uzozwa umkhuleko wakho futhi asikhumbule ngomusa wakhe.
4 U-Isaka waphendula umkakhe uRebeka, wathi: “U-Abrahama ungincengile kuNkulunkulu ukuba ngandise inzalo yakhe, ngakho-ke lokhu kungazali kuzovela kithi kusukela kuwe.”
5 URebeka wathi kuye: “Kodwa vuka manje, uthandaze, ukuze uJehova ezwe umkhuleko wakho, angiphe abantwana.” U-Isaka walalela amazwi omkakhe, u-Isaka nomkakhe basuka baya ezweni laseMoriya ukuyokhuleka lapho nokuyofuna uJehova, kwathi sebefikile kuleyo ndawo u-Isaka wasukuma wakhuleka kuJehova ngenxa yomkakhe ngoba wayeyinyumba.
6 U-Isaka wathi: “Jehova Nkulunkulu wezulu nomhlaba, onomusa wakho nobuhle bakho kugcwalise umhlaba, wena owathatha ubaba endlini kayise nasendaweni yakhe yokuzalwa, wamletha kuleli zwe, wathi kuye: ‘Ngizonika inzalo yakho leli zwe,’ wena wamthembisa, wamtshela ukuthi: ‘Ngiyakwandisa inzalo yakho ibe ngangezinkanyezi zezulu nangangesihlabathi solwandle,’ manje amazwi akho mawaqinisekiswe owawakhuluma kubaba.”
7 Ngoba wena unguJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, amehlo ethu akuwe ukusinika inzalo yabantu, njengoba wasithembisa, ngoba unguJehova uNkulunkulu wethu futhi amehlo ethu abheke kuwe wedwa.
8 UJehova wezwa umkhuleko ka-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama, uJehova wancengwa nguye; uRebeka umkakhe wakhulelwa.
9 Kwathi ngemva kwezinyanga eziyisikhombisa abantwana balwa ngaphakathi kwakhe, kwaba buhlungu kakhulu ukuthi wayekhathele ngenxa yabo, wathi kubo bonke abesifazane ababekulelo zwe ngaleso sikhathi: “Ingabe into enje yenzeke kini njengoba ingenzekile kimi?” Bathi kuye: “Cha.”
10 Wathi kubo: “Kungani ngingedwa kulokhu phakathi kwabo bonke abesifazane ababesemhlabeni?” Waya ezweni laseMoriya ukuyofuna uJehova ngenxa yalokhu; waya kuShemi no-Ebere indodana yakhe ukuyobuza kubo ngale ndaba, nokuthi bafune uJehova ngale nto ngaye.
11 Futhi wacela u-Abrahama ukuba afune futhi abuze eNkosini ngakho konke okwamehlela.
12 Bonke babuza kuJehova ngale ndaba, bamtshela izwi likaJehova, bathi: “Kukhona abantwana ababili esiswini sakho, kuyakuvela izizwe ezimbili kubo; esinye isizwe siyakuba namandla kunesinye, esikhulu sikhonze esincane.”
13 Kwathi seziphelile izinsuku zakhe zokubeletha, waguqa phansi, bheka, kwakukhona amawele esiswini sakhe, njengalokho uJehova ayekushilo kuye.
14 Owokuqala waphuma ebomvu wonke njengengubo yoboya, abantu bonke bezwe baqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-Esawu, bethi: “Lo waphuma esizalweni.”
15 Ngemva kwalokho kwafika umfowabo, isandla sakhe sibambe isithende sika-Esawu; ngalokho baqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi uJakobe.
16 U-Isaka, indodana ka-Abrahama, wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha ubudala lapho ebazala.
17 Abafana bakhula baze baba neminyaka eyishumi nanhlanu, bafika phakathi kwabantu. U-Esawu wayeyindoda ehlakaniphile nehlakaniphile, ehlakaniphile, ehlala ematendeni, elusa imihlambi, efunda imiyalo kaJehova nemiyalo kayise nonina.
18 U-Isaka nabantwana bomndeni wakhe bahlala noyise u-Abrahama ezweni laseKhanani, njengoba uNkulunkulu ayebayalile.
19 U-Ishmayeli indodana ka-Abrahama wahamba nabantwana bakhe nabo bonke ababengababo, babuyela lapho ezweni laseHavila, bahlala khona.
20 Bonke abantwana bezancinza zika-Abrahama bahamba bayohlala ezweni lasempumalanga, ngokuba u-Abrahama wayebaxoshile endodaneni yakhe, wabapha izipho, bahamba.
21 U-Abrahama wamnika indodana yakhe u-Isaka konke ayenakho, wamnika nayo yonke ingcebo yakhe.
22 Wamyala wathi: “Awazi yini ukuthi iNkosi inguNkulunkulu ezulwini nasemhlabeni, futhi akekho omunye ngaphandle kwayo?”

23 Futhi nguye owangithatha endlini kababa, nasendaweni yokuzalwa kwami, wanginika konke okujabulisayo emhlabeni; owangikhulula eselulekweni sababi, ngokuba ngangithembele kuye.
24 Wangiletha kule ndawo, wangikhulula e-Uri Casdim; wathi kimi, Ngizonika inzalo yakho wonke la mazwe, futhi bayowadla ifa lawo uma begcina imiyalo yami, izimiso zami nezahlulelo zami engikuyale ngazo, futhi engizoziyala ngazo.
25 Ngakho-ke ndodana yami, lalela izwi lami, ugcine imiyalo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho engakuyala ngayo; ungaphambuki endleleni efanele uye ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo, ukuze kube kuhle kuwe nakubantwana bakho emva kwakho kuze kube phakade.
26 Khumbulani imisebenzi emangalisayo yeNkosi, nomusa wayo asenze wona, ngokusikhulula ezandleni zezitha zethu, uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu ebanikela ezandleni zethu; ngakho-ke gcinani konke engikuyale ngakho, ningaphambuki emiyalweni kaNkulunkulu wenu, ningamkhonzi muntu ngaphandle kwakhe, ukuze kube kuhle kini nenzalo yenu emva kwenu.
27 Futhi fundisa abantwana bakho nenzalo yakho iziyalezo zeNkosi nemiyalo yayo, futhi ubafundise indlela eqondile okufanele bahambe ngayo, ukuze kube kuhle kubo kuze kube phakade.
28 U-Isaka waphendula uyise wathi kuye: “Lokho iNkosi yami eyalile ngakho ngiyakukwenza, futhi angiyikuphambuka emiyalweni yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wami, ngizogcina konke eyalile ngakho; u-Abrahama wambusisa indodana yakhe u-Isaka, kanye nabantwana bakhe; u-Abrahama wafundisa uJakobe iziyalezo zeNkosi nezindlela zayo.”
29 Kwathi ngaleso sikhathi u-Abrahama wafa, ngonyaka weshumi nanhlanu wokuphila kukaJakobe no-Esawu, amadodana ka-Isaka, zonke izinsuku zika-Abrahama zaziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlanu, wafa, wabuthelwa kubantu bakubo esegugile, esemdala, esanelisiwe yizinsuku; u-Isaka no-Ishmayeli amadodana akhe bamngcwaba.
30 Kwathi lapho izakhamuzi zaseKhanani zizwa ukuthi u-Abrahama ufile, zafika kanye namakhosi azo, nezikhulu zazo, nawo wonke amadoda azo, ukuzongcwaba u-Abrahama.
31 Bonke abakhileyo ezweni laseHarana, nayo yonke imindeni yendlu ka-Abrahama, nazo zonke izikhulu nezikhulu, namadodana ka-Abrahama ngabafazi bezancinza, bonke beza lapho bezwa ngokufa kuka-Abrahama, babuyisela umusa ku-Abrahama, bamduduza u-Isaka indodana yakhe, bammbela u-Abrahama emhumeni awuthenga ku-Efroni umHeti nakubantwana bakhe, ube yindawo yokungcwaba.
32 Bonke abakhileyo eKhanani, nabo bonke ababemazi u-Abrahama, bamkhalela u-Abrahama unyaka wonke, amadoda nabesifazane bamkhalela.
33 Bonke abantwana abancane, nabo bonke abakhileyo ezweni bakhala ngenxa ka-Abrahama, ngokuba u-Abrahama wayebenzele okuhle bonke, nangenxa yokuthi wayeqotho kuNkulunkulu nakubantu.
34 Futhi akuvelanga muntu owayemesaba uNkulunkulu njengo-Abrahama, ngoba wayemesaba uNkulunkulu wakhe kusukela ebusheni bakhe, futhi wayekhonze iNkosi, futhi wayehambe kuzo zonke izindlela zakhe ngesikhathi sokuphila kwakhe, kusukela ebuntwaneni bakhe kuze kube usuku lokufa kwakhe.
35 UJehova wayenaye, wamsindisa ecebweni likaNimrode nabantu bakhe, kwathi lapho elwa namakhosi amane ase-Elamu wawanqoba.
36 Waletha bonke abantwana bomhlaba enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu, wabafundisa izindlela zeNkosi, wabazisa iNkosi.
37 Wakha isihlahla semithi watshala isivini kuso, futhi wayehlala elungiselela inyama neziphuzo etendeni lakhe kulabo ababedlula ezweni, ukuze baneliseke endlini yakhe.
38 UJehova uNkulunkulu wasindisa umhlaba wonke ngenxa ka-Abrahama.
39 Kwathi ngemva kokufa kuka-Abrahama lapho uNkulunkulu wabusisa khona indodana yakhe u-Isaka nabantwana bakhe, futhi uJehova wayeno-Isaka njengoba ayenoyise u-Abrahama, ngoba u-Isaka wagcina yonke imiyalo kaJehova njengoba u-Abrahama uyise ayemyalile; akaphendukelanga ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesobunxele endleleni efanele uyise ayemyale ngayo.

ISAHLUKO 27

1 Ngaleso sikhathi, ngemva kokufa kuka-Abrahama, u-Esawu wayevame ukuya endle ukuyozingela.
2 UNimrode inkosi yaseBabele, okungukuthi u-Amrafeli, naye wayevame ukuhamba namaqhawe akhe ukuyozingela endle, nokuhambahamba namadoda akhe emini epholile.
3 UNimrodi wayembheka u-Esawu zonke izinsuku, ngokuba kwakwakheke umona enhliziyweni kaNimrodi ngo-Esawu zonke izinsuku.
4 Kwathi ngolunye usuku u-Esawu waya endle ukuyozingela, wathola uNimrode ehamba ehlane namadoda akhe amabili.
5 Bonke amaqhawe akhe nabantu bakhe babenaye ehlane, kodwa basuka kude naye, basuka kuye ngezindlela ezahlukene ukuyozingela, u-Esawu wacasha ngenxa kaNimrode, wamcashela ehlane.
6 UNimrodi namadoda akhe ayenaye babengamazi, futhi uNimrodi namadoda akhe babevame ukuhambahamba endle ngesikhathi sosuku olupholile, futhi beyobona ukuthi amadoda akhe ayezingela kuphi endle.
7 UNimrodi namadoda akhe amabili ayenaye bafika endaweni ababekuyo, lapho u-Esawu ephuma endaweni yakhe yokucasha ngokuzumayo, wahosha inkemba yakhe, washesha wagijimela kuNimrodi, wamnquma ikhanda.
8 U-Esawu walwa impi enzima namadoda amabili ayekanye noNimrode, kwathi lapho bememeza kuye, u-Esawu waphendukela kubo wababulala ngenkemba yakhe.
9 Futhi wonke amadoda anamandla kaNimrode, ayemshiye ukuba aye ehlane, ezwa ukukhala kude, futhi ayazi amazwi alawo madoda amabili, futhi agijima ayothola imbangela yako, lapho ethola inkosi yawo namadoda amabili ayenaye elele ehlane efile.
10 Lapho u-Esawu ebona amadoda anamandla kaNimrodi eza kude, wabaleka, wabaleka kanjalo; u-Esawu wathatha izingubo eziyigugu zikaNimrodi, uyise kaNimrodi ayezinike uNimrodi, futhi uNimrodi wanqoba ngazo lonke izwe, wabaleka wazifihla endlini yakhe.

11 U-Esawu wathatha lezo zingubo wagijimela emzini ngenxa yamadoda kaNimrodi, wafika endlini kayise ekhathele futhi ekhathele ngenxa yempi, wayeselungele ukufa ngenxa yosizi lapho esondela kumfowabo uJakobe wahlala phambi kwakhe.
12 Wayesethi kumfowabo uJakobe: "Bheka, ngiyakufa namuhla; pho, ngifunelani ubuzibulo na?" UJakobe wenza ngokuhlakanipha ku-Esawu kule ndaba, u-Esawu wathengisa ubuzibulo bakhe kuJakobe, ngokuba lokho kwakungenxa kaJehova.
13 Isabelo sika-Esawu esasisemhumeni wensimu yaseMakaphela, u-Abrahama ayewuthengile kubantwana bakwaHeti, sibe yindawo yokungcwaba, u-Esawu wathengisa kuJakobe, uJakobe wathenga konke lokhu kumfowabo u-Esawu ngenani elinikeziwe.
14 UJakobe wabhala konke lokhu encwadini, wafakaza okufanayo nofakazi, wayivala, incwadi yahlala ezandleni zikaJakobe.
15 Kwathi lapho uNimrodi indodana kaKushe efa, amadoda akhe amphakamisa amletha eshaqekile, amngcwaba emzini wakhe, futhi zonke izinsuku uNimrodi aziphila zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili neshumi nanhlanu, wafa.
16 Izinsuku uNimrode abusa ngazo phezu kwabantu bezwe zaziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nanhlanu; uNimrode wafa ngenkemba ka-Esawu ngehlazo nokudelelwa, futhi inzalo ka-Abrahama yabangela ukufa kwakhe njengoba ayebonile ephusheni lakhe.
17 Futhi ekufeni kukaNimrode umbuso wakhe wahlukana waba yizigaba eziningi, futhi zonke lezo zingxenye uNimrode ayebusa kuzo zabuyiselwa emakhosini ahlukene ezwe, azibuyisa ngemva kokufa kukaNimrode, futhi bonke abantu bendlu kaNimrode baba yizigqila isikhathi eside kuwo wonke amanye amakhosi ezwe.

ISAHLUKO 28

1 Kwathi ngalezo zinsuku, emva kokufa kuka-Abrahama, ngalowo mnyaka uJehova waletha indlala enzima ezweni; kwathi indlala inzima ezweni laseKhanani, u-Isaka wasuka wehlela eGibithe ngenxa yendlala, njengalokho u-Abrahama uyise akwenzile.
2 UJehova wabonakala ku-Isaka ngalobo busuku, wathi kuye: "Ungehleli eGibhithe; suka uye eGerari, ku-Abimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti, uhlale khona, kuze kuphele indlala."
3 U-Isaka wasuka waya eGerari, njengalokho uJehova emtshelile; wahlala khona umnyaka wonke.
4 Kwathi u-Isaka efika eGerari, abantu bezwe babona ukuthi uRebeka umkakhe wayemuhle kakhulu, abantu baseGerari bambuza u-Isaka ngomkakhe, wathi: "Ungudadewethu," ngokuba wayesaba ukusho ukuthi ungumkakhe, funa abantu bezwe bambulale ngenxa yakhe.
5 Izikhulu zika-Abimeleki zaya zidumisa owesifazane enkosini, kodwa akaziphendulanga, futhi akazilalelanga amazwi azo.
6 Kodwa wezwa bethi u-Isaka ummemezele njengodadewabo, ngakho inkosi yakugcina lokhu ngaphakathi kwayo.
7 Kwathi u-Isaka esehlale izinyanga ezintathu ezweni, u-Abimeleki wabuka ngefasitela, wabona, bheka, u-Isaka wayedlala noRebeka umkakhe, ngokuba u-Isaka wayehlala endlini engaphandle yenkosi, indlu ka-Isaka yayiphambi kwendlu yenkosi.
8 Inkosi yasisithi kuIsaka: Kuyini lokhu okwenzileyo kithi, ukuthi ngomkakho: Ungudadewethu? Pho, bekungaba lula kangakanani ukuthi omunye wamadoda amakhulu ebantwini alale laye, ubususilethela icala?
9 U-Isaka wathi ku-Abimeleki: "Ngokuba bengesaba ukuthi ngingafa ngenxa yomkami, ngalokho ngathi: 'Ungudadewethu.' "
10 Ngaleso sikhathi u-Abimeleki wayala zonke izikhulu zakhe namadoda amakhulu, bathatha u-Isaka noRebeka umkakhe, babaletha phambi kwenkosi.
11 Inkosi yayala ukuba bagqoke izingubo zobukhosi, babagibele emigwaqweni yomuzi, bamemeze phambi kwabo kulo lonke izwe, bathi: "Lona yindoda, lona ngumkakhe; noma ngubani othinta lo muntu noma umkakhe uyakufa nokufa." U-Isaka wabuyela nomkakhe endlini yenkosi, uJehova wayenaye u-Isaka, waqhubeka ekhula futhi engaswele lutho.
12 UJehova wenza u-Isaka ukuba athole umusa emehlweni ka-Abimeleki naphambi kwabo bonke abantu bakhe, u-Abimeleki waphatha kahle u-Isaka, ngokuba u-Abimeleki wakhumbula isifungo nesivumelwano esasikhona phakathi kukayise no-Abrahama.
13 U-Abimeleki wathi ku-Isaka: "Bheka, umhlaba wonke uphambi kwakho; hlala lapho kukuhle khona emehlweni akho, uze ubuyele ezweni lakini." U-Abimeleki wanika u-Isaka amasimu nezivini, nengxenye enhle yezwe laseGerari, ukuze ahlwanyele, avune, adle izithelo zomhlabathi, kuze kudlule izinsuku zendlala.
14 U-Isaka wahlwanyela kulelo zwe, wathola okuphindwe kayikhulu ngalowo mnyaka, uJehova wambusisa.
15 Lowo muntu waba mkhulu, waba nemfuyo yezimvu, nemfuyo yezinkomo, nenqwaba yezinceku.
16 Kwathi lapho izinsuku zendlala sezidlulile, uJehova wabonakala ku-Isaka, wathi kuye: "Suka, phuma kule ndawo, ubuyele ezweni lakini, ezweni laseKhanani; u-Isaka wasuka, wabuyela eHebroni elisezweni laseKhanani, yena nakho konke okungokwakhe, njengalokho uJehova emyalile."
17 Ngemva kwalokhu uShelaki indodana ka-Arpakishadi wafa ngalowo nyaka, okungunyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wokuphila kukaJakobe no-Esawu; zonke izinsuku zikaShelaki zokuphila zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amane namashumi amathathu nantathu, wafa.
18 Ngaleso sikhathi u-Isaka wathumela indodana yakhe encane uJakobe endlini kaShemi no-Ebere, wafunda iziyalezo zeNkosi, uJakobe wahlala endlini kaShemi no-Ebere iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nambili, u-Esawu umfowabo akahambanga, ngoba wayengafuni ukuhamba, wahlala endlini kayise ezweni laseKhanani.
19 U-Esawu wayehlala ezingela endle ukuze alethe ekhaya lokho ayengakuthola, no-Esawu wayekwenza njalo zonke izinsuku.
20 U-Esawu wayeyindoda ehlakaniphile nekhohlisayo, ezingela izinhliziyo zabantu, azifihle, u-Esawu wayeyindoda enamandla endle, wahamba njengokujwayelekile ukuyozingela; wafika ensimini yaseSeyiri, okungu-Edomi.

21 Wahlala ezweni laseSeyiri ezingela endle unyaka nezinyanga ezine.
22 U-Esawu wabona lapho ezweni laseSeyiri indodakazi yomuntu waseKhanani ogama lakhe linguJeuditi, indodakazi kaBeri indodana ka-Eferi, womndeni wakwaHeti indodana kaKhanani.
23 U-Esawu wamthatha waba ngumkakhe, weza kuye; u-Esawu wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane lapho emthatha, wamyisa eHebroni, izwe lapho uyise ayehlala khona, wahlala khona.
24 Kwathi ngalezo zinsuku, ngonyaka wekhulu neshumi wokuphila kuka-Isaka, okungumnyaka wamashumi ayisihlanu wokuphila kukaJakobe, ngalowo nyaka uShemi indodana kaNowa wafa; uShemi wayeneminyaka engamakhulu ayisithupha ekufeni kwakhe.
25 Kwathi lapho uShemi efa uJakobe wabuyela kuyise eHebroni elisezweni laseKhanani.
26 Kwathi ngonyaka wama-56 wokuphila kukaJakobe, abantu bafika bevela eHarana, kwabikwa kuRebeka ngomfowabo uLabani indodana kaBetuweli.
27 Ngoba umkaLabani wayeyinyumba ngalezo zinsuku, engazali bantwana, futhi zonke izincekukazi zakhe azimzalelanga lutho.
28 Ngemva kwalokho uJehova wamkhumbula u-Adina umkaLabani, wakhulelwa, wazala amadodakazi angamawele. ULabani waqamba amagama amadodakazi akhe, igama lenkulu uLeya, negama lencane uRaheli.
29 Labo bantu beza bamtshela uRebeka lezi zinto, uRebeka wajabula kakhulu ngokuthi iNkosi imvakashele umfowabo nokuthi usethole abantwana.

ISAHLUKO 29

1 U-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama wayesemdala, esekhulile ngezinsuku, namehlo akhe ayefiphele ngenxa yokuguga; ayefiphele engasaboni.
2 Ngaleso sikhathi u-Isaka wabiza u-Esawu indodana yakhe, wathi: “Thatha izikhali zakho, umgodla wakho nomnsalo wakho, uvuke uye endle, ungizingele inyamazane, ungiphekele ukudla okumnandi, ungilethe kimi, ngidle, ukuze ngikubusise ngingakafi, ngokuba sengimdala, ngimpunga.”
3 U-Esawu wenza kanjalo; wathatha isikhali sakhe, waphuma waya endle ukuyozingela inyamazane, njengenjwayelo, ukuze ayilethe kuyise njengoba ayemyalile, ukuze ambusise.
4 URebeka wezwa onke amazwi ka-Isaka awakhuluma ku-Esawu, washesha wabiza indodana yakhe uJakobe, wathi: “Uyihlo wakhuluma kanje ku-Esawu umnewenu, nami ngizwile; manje shesha wenze lokho engizakukutshela khona.”
5 Ake usuke uye emhlambini, ungithathele amazinyane amabili amahle ezimbuzi, ngithathele uyihlo ukudla okumnandi, wena ulethe ukudla okumnandi, adle engakafiki umfowenu ekusukeleni, ukuze uyihlo akubusise.
6 UJakobe washesha wenza njengoba unina emyalile, walungisa ukudla okumnandi, wakuyisa phambi kukayise u-Esawu engakabuyi ekumlandeleni.
7 U-Isaka wathi kuJakobe: “Ungubani wena ndodana yami?” Wathi: “Ngingu-Esawu izibulo lakho; ngenze njengalokho ungiyalile; ake uvuke manje, udle inyamazane yami, ukuze umphefumulo wakho ungibusise njengalokho ungitshelile.”
8 U-Isaka wasukuma, wadla, waphuza, inhliziyo yakhe yaduduzeka, wambusisa uJakobe; uJakobe wasuka kuyise; kwathi u-Isaka esembusisile uJakobe, esemukile kuye, bheka u-Esawu wafika evela ekuzingeleni kwakhe evela endle, wenza ukudla okumnandi, wakuyisa kuyise ukuba adle, ambusise.
9 U-Isaka wathi ku-Esawu: “Ngubani oye wazingela inyamazane, wayiletha kimi ungakafiki, engambusisa na?” U-Esawu wazi ukuthi umfowabo uJakobe ukwenzile lokho, intukuthelo ka-Esawu yavutha kumfowabo uJakobe ngokuthi wayemenzele kanjalo.
10 U-Esawu wathi: “Akubizwanga kahle yini ngokuthi uJakobe, ngokuba ungikhohlisile kabili, wathatha ubuzibulo bami, manje usethathe isibusiso sami; u-Esawu wakhala kakhulu; kwathi u-Isaka ezwa izwi lendodana yakhe u-Esawu ekhala, u-Isaka wathi ku-Esawu: “Ngingenzenjani, ndodana yami, umfowenu ufikile ngobuqili, wathatha isibusiso sakho; u-Esawu wamzonda umfowabo uJakobe ngenxa yesibusiso uyise amnika sona, intukuthelo yakhe yamvuthela kakhulu.”
11 UJakobe wayesaba kakhulu umfowabo u-Esawu, wasuka wabalekela endlini ka-Ebere indodana kaShemi, wacasha lapho ngenxa yomfowabo, uJakobe wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nantathu ubudala lapho ephuma ezweni laseKhanani esuka eHebroni, uJakobe wacasha endlini ka-Ebere iminyaka eyishumi nane ngenxa yomfowabo u-Esawu, waqhubeka lapho efunda izindlela zeNkosi nemiyalo yayo.
12 Lapho u-Esawu ebona ukuthi uJakobe ubalekile futhi uphunyukile kuye, nokuthi uJakobe wayethole isibusiso ngobuqili, u-Esawu wadabuka kakhulu, wathukuthelela uyise nonina; wasukuma wathatha umkakhe, wasuka kuyise nonina, waya ezweni laseSeyiri, wahlala lapho; u-Esawu wabona lapho owesifazane emadodakazini kaHeti ogama lakhe linguBosemati, indodakazi ka-Eloni umHeti, wamthatha waba ngumkakhe ngaphezu komkakhe wokuqala, u-Esawu waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-Ada, ethi isibusiso sase sidlulile kuye ngaleso sikhathi.
13 U-Esawu wahlala ezweni laseSeyiri izinyanga eziyisithupha engamboni uyise nonina; emva kwalokho u-Esawu wathatha omkakhe, wasuka, wabuyela ezweni laseKhanani; u-Esawu wabeka omkakhe ababili endlini kayise eHebroni.
14 Abafazi baka-Esawu babacasula futhi babacasula u-Isaka noRebeka ngemisebenzi yabo, ngoba abazange bahambe ngezindlela zeNkosi, kodwa bakhonza onkulunkulu boyise bokhuni namatshe njengoba uyise ayebafundisile, futhi babebabi kakhulu kunoyise.
15 Bahamba ngokwezifiso ezimbi zezinhliziyo zabo, bahlabela futhi bashisa impepho kuBali, u-Isaka noRebheka bakhathala yibo.
16 URebeka wathi: “Ngikhathele ukuphila kwami ngenxa yamadodakazi kaHeti; uma uJakobe ethatha umfazi emadodakazini kaHeti, njengalawa angamadodakazi aleli zwe, kuyini okuhle kimi na?”
17 Ngalezo zinsuku u-Ada umka-Esawu wakhulelwa, wamzalela indodana; u-Esawu waqamba igama lendodana azalelwa yona ngokuthi u-Elifazi; u-Esawu

wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu lapho emzalela.
18 U-Ishmayeli indodana ka-Abrahama wafa ngalezo zinsuku, ngonyaka wamashumi ayisithupha nane wokuphila kukaJakobe, futhi zonke izinsuku zika-Ishmayeli aziphila zaziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu nesikhombisa, wafa.
19 U-Isaka esezwile ukuthi u-Ishmayeli ufile, wamlilela; u-Isaka wamlilela izinsuku eziningi.
20 Kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka eyishumi nane uJakobe ehlala endlini ka-Ebere, uJakobe wafisa ukubona uyise nonina, uJakobe wafika endlini kayise nonina eHebroni, u-Esawu wayesekhohliwe ngalezo zinsuku lokho uJakobe ayemenzele khona ngokuthatha isibusiso kuye ngalezo zinsuku.
21 Kwathi u-Esawu ebona uJakobe efika kuyise nonina, wakhumbula lokho uJakobe ayemenzele khona, wamthukuthelela kakhulu, wafuna ukumbulala.
22 U-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama wayesemdala, esekhulile ngezinsuku, u-Esawu wathi: “Manje izinsuku zikababa sezisondele zokufa kwakhe; lapho esefa ngiyakumbulala umfowethu uJakobe.”
23 Kwathi uRebeka esetsheliwe lokhu, washesha wathumela wabiza uJakobe indodana yakhe, wathi kuye: “Suka ubalekele eHarana kuLabani umfowethu, uhlale khona isikhathi esithile, kuze kube yilapho intukuthelo yomfowenu iphela kuwe, bese ubuya.”
24 U-Isaka wambiza uJakobe, wathi kuye: “Ungathathi umfazi emadodakazini aseKhanani, ngokuba u-Abrahama wasiyala kanjalo-ke ubaba wethu, ngokwezwi likaJehova amyala ngalo, ethi: ‘Ngizakunika inzalo yakho leli zwe;’ uma abantwana bakho begcina isivumelwano sami engisenzile nawe, nami ngiyakukwenza kubantwana bakho lokho engikukhulumile kuwe, angiyikubashiya.’
25 Ngakho-ke ndodana yami lalela izwi lami kukho konke engikuyala ngakho, ungazithathi umfazi phakathi kwamadodakazi aseKhanani; vuka uye eHarana endlini kaBethuweli uyise kanyoko, uzithathele umfazi khona emadodakazini kaLabani umfowabo kanyoko.
26 Ngakho-ke qaphelani funa nikhohlwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu nazo zonke izindlela zakhe ezweni eniya kulo, nihlangane nabantu balelo zwe, nilandele okuyize, nimshiye uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.
27 Kodwa uma ufika ezweni uyokhonza uJehova lapho, ungaphendukeli ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesobunxele endleleni engikuyale ngayo futhi oyifundile.
28 Futhi sengathi uNkulunkulu uSomandla angakupha umusa emehlweni abantu bomhlaba, ukuze uthathe umfazi lapho ngokuzikhethela kwakho; omuhle noqotho ezindleleni zeNkosi.
29 UNkulunkulu makakuphe wena nenzalo yakho isibusiso sika-Abrahama uyihlo, akunike inzalo, akwandise, ube yizizwe eziningi ezweni oya kulo, uNkulunkulu akubuyisele kuleli zwe, izwe lokuhlala kukayihlo, nabantwana, nengcebo enkulu, ngentokozo nangenjabulo.
30 U-Isaka eseqedile ukuyala uJakobe nokumbusisa, wamnika izipho eziningi, kanye nesiliva negolide, wammukisa; uJakobe walalela uyise nonina, wabaqabula, wasuka waya ePhadani Aramu; uJakobe wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa nesikhombisa ubudala lapho ephuma ezweni laseKhanani eBeri Sheba.
31 Kwathi uJakobe esehamba eya eHarana, u-Esawu wabiza u-Elifazi indodana yakhe, wakhuluma naye ngasese, wathi: “Shesha, thatha inkemba yakho esandleni sakho, umxoshe uJakobe, udlule phambi kwakhe endleleni, umqamekele, umbulale ngenkemba yakho kwenye yezintaba, uthathe konke okungokwakhe, ubuye.”
32 U-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu wayeyindoda ekhutheleyo nenekhono lokulwa nomnsalo njengoba uyise ayemfundisile, futhi wayengumzingeli odumile endle nendoda enamandla.
33 U-Elifazi wenza njengoba uyise ayemyalile, u-Elifazi wayeneminyaka eyishumi nantathu ngaleso sikhathi, u-Elifazi wasukuma wahamba, wathatha abafowabo bakanina abayishumi, wamxosha uJakobe.
34 Wamlandela uJakobe eduze, wamqamekela emngceleni wezwe laseKhanani maqondana nomuzi waseShekemi.
35 UJakobe wabona u-Elifazi nabantu bakhe bemlandela, uJakobe wema endaweni ayeya kuyo, ukuze azi ukuthi kuyini lokhu, ngokuba wayengazi lutho; u-Elifazi wahosha inkemba yakhe, waqhubeka, yena nabantu bakhe, waya kuJakobe; uJakobe wathi kubo: “Kuyini ngani ukuthi nize lapha, nokuthi kusho ukuthini ukuthi nizingela ngezinkemba zenu?”
36 U-Elifazi wasondela kuJakobe, waphendula wathi kuye: “Ubaba ungiyalile kanjalo, ngakho-ke angiyikuphambuka emiyalweni ubaba anginike yona; lapho uJakobe ebona ukuthi u-Esawu ukhulume no-Elifazi ukuba asebenzise amandla, uJakobe wasondela wancenga u-Elifazi namadoda akhe, wathi kuye:
37 Bheka konke enginakho nalokho ubaba nomama abanginike khona, abakuthathayo bakushiye, futhi bangangibulali, futhi kwangathi lokhu kungabalwa kuwe njengokulunga.
38 UJehova wenza uJakobe ukuba athole umusa emehlweni ka-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu namadoda akhe, balalela izwi likaJakobe, abambulalanga; u-Elifazi namadoda akhe bathatha konke okukaJakobe kanye nesiliva negolide ayekuthathe eBeri Sheba; abamshiyelanga lutho.
39 U-Elifazi namadoda akhe basuka kuye, babuyela ku-Esawu eBeri Sheba, bamtshela konke okwabehlele noJakobe, bamnika konke ababekuthathile kuJakobe.
40 U-Esawu wamthukuthelela u-Elifazi indodana yakhe namadoda akhe ayenaye, ngokuba babengambulalanga uJakobe.
41 Baphendula bathi ku-Esawu: “Ngenxa yokuthi uJakobe wasincenga ngale ndaba ukuba singambulali, samhawukela, sathatha konke okungokwakhe sakuletha kuwe; u-Esawu wathatha lonke isiliva negolide u-Elifazi ayekuthathe kuJakobe, wakubeka endlini yakhe.”
42 Ngaleso sikhathi u-Esawu wabona ukuthi u-Isaka ubusisile uJakobe, wamyala wathi: “Awuyikuthatha umfazi emadodakazini aseKhanani, nokuthi amadodakazi aseKhanani ayemabi emehlweni ka-Isaka noRebeka,”
43 Wabe eseya endlini ka-Ishmayeli, umalume wakhe, futhi ngaphezu kwabafazi bakhe abadala wathatha uMakilati, indodakazi ka-Ishmayeli, udadewabo kaNebayoti, ukuba abe ngumkakhe.

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1 UJakobe wahamba indlela yakhe eya eHarana, wafika entabeni yaseMoriya, wahlala khona ubusuku bonke eduze komuzi waseLuze; uJehova wabonakala kuJakobe ngalobo busuku, wathi kuye: "NginguJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Abrahama noNkulunkulu ka-Isaka uyihlo; izwe olele kulo ngiyakulinika wena nenzalo yakho."
2 Bheka, nginawe, ngiyakukulondoloza nomaphi lapho uya khona, ngandise inzalo yakho ibe njengezinkanyezi zezulu, ngiwise zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho; lapho zilwa nawe, aziyikukunqoba, ngiyakukukubuyisela kuleli zwe ngentokozo, nabantwana, nengcebo enkulu.
3 UJakobe wavuka ebuthongweni bakhe, wajabula kakhulu ngombono ayewubonile; waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi iBethele.
4 UJakobe wasuka lapho ejabule kakhulu, kwathi lapho ehamba izinyawo zakhe zazizwa zilula kuye ngenxa yenjabulo, wasuka lapho waya ezweni labantwana basempumalanga, wabuyela eHarana wahlala ngasemthonjeni womalusi.
5 Wafumana amadoda avela eHarana ukuyokwelusa imihlambi yawo, uJakobe wawabuza, athi: "Sivela eHarana."
6 Wathi kubo: "Niyamazi uLabani indodana kaNahori na?" Bathi: "Siyamazi, bheka, indodakazi yakhe uRaheli iyeza ukuzokwalusa umhlambi kayise."
7 Esakhuluma nabo, uRaheli indodakazi kaLabani wafika ukuzokwalusa izimvu zikayise, ngokuba wayengumalusikazi.
8 Kwathi uJakobe ebona uRaheli, indodakazi kaLabani, umfowabo kanina, wagijima wamanga, waphakamisa izwi lakhe, wakhala.
9 UJakobe watshela uRaheli ukuthi uyindodana kaRebeka, udadewabo kayise, uRaheli wagijima watshela uyise, uJakobe waqhubeka ekhala ngoba wayengenalutho angaluletha endlini kaLabani.
10 Kwathi uLabani esezwile ukuthi uJakobe indodana kadadewabo ufikile, wagijima wamanga, wamgona, wamngenisa endlini, wamnika isinkwa, wadla.
11 UJakobe watshela uLabani lokho u-Esawu umfowabo ayekwenzile kuye, nalokho u-Elifazi indodana yakhe ayekwenzile kuye endleleni.
12 UJakobe wahlala endlini kaLabani inyanga yonke, uJakobe wadla, waphuza endlini kaLabani, wayesethi uLabani kuJakobe: "Ngitshele ukuthi inkokhelo yakho iyakuba yini, ungangisebenzela kanjani ngeze?"
13 ULabani wayengenamadodana, wayenamadodakazi kuphela, kanti abanye abafazi bakhe nezincekukazi zakhe babeseyinyumba ngalezo zinsuku; futhi lawa ngamagama amadodakazi kaLabani umkakhe u-Adina amzalela wona; igama lenkulu kwakunguLeya, igama lencane kwakunguRaheli; uLeya wayenamehlo athambile, kodwa uRaheli wayemuhle futhi emuhle, uJakobe wayemthanda.
14 UJakobe wathi kuLabani: "Ngizokusebenzela iminyaka eyisikhombisa ngenxa kaRaheli indodakazi yakho encane." ULabani wavuma lokhu, uJakobe wakhonza uLabani iminyaka eyisikhombisa ngenxa yendodakazi yakhe uRaheli.
15 Ngomnyaka wesibili wokuhlala kukaJakobe eHarana, okungumnyaka wamashumi ayisikhombisa nesishiyagalolunye wokuphila kukaJakobe, ngalowo mnyaka u-Ebere indodana kaShemi wafa, eneminyaka engamakhulu amane namashumi ayisithupha nane, ekufeni kwakhe.
16 UJakobe esezwile ukuthi u-Ebere ufile, wadabuka kakhulu, wamlilela izinsuku eziningi.
17 Ngomnyaka wesithathu uJakobe ehlala eHarana, uBosemati, indodakazi ka-Ishmayeli, umka-Esawu, wamzalela indodana; u-Esawu wayiqamba igama lokuthi uRehuweli.
18 Ngonyaka wesine uJakobe ehlala endlini kaLabani, iNkosi yamvakashela uLabani yamkhumbula ngenxa kaJakobe, wazalelwa amadodana, izibulo lakhe kwakunguBeyori, elesibili kwakungu-Alibi, kanti elesithathu kwakunguKhorashi.
19 UJehova wamnika uLabani ingcebo nodumo, amadodana namadodakazi; lowo muntu wanda kakhulu ngenxa kaJakobe.
20 Ngalezo zinsuku uJakobe wakhonza uLabani kuzo zonke izinhlobo zomsebenzi, endlini nasensimini, futhi isibusiso sikaJehova sasikukho konke okwakungokukaLabani endlini nasensimini.
21 Ngomnyaka wesihlanu uJehudithi, indodakazi kaBeri, umka-Esawu, wafa ezweni laseKhanani; wayengenamadodana, enamadodakazi odwa.
22 Lawa angamagama amadodakazi akhe awazalela u-Esawu: igama lenkulu lalinguMarzithi, igama lencane lalinguPhuthi.
23 Kwathi uJehudithi esefile, u-Esawu wasukuma waya eSeyiri ukuyozingela endle njengenjwayelo; u-Esawu wahlala ezweni laseSeyiri isikhathi eside.
24 Ngomnyaka wesithupha u-Esawu wathatha umfazi, kanye nabanye abafazi bakhe, u-Ahilibama, indodakazi kaZebeyoni, umHivi; u-Esawu wamyisa ezweni laseKhanani.
25 U-Ahilibama wakhulelwa, wamzalela u-Esawu amadodana amathathu, uJewushi, noJalamu, noKora.
26 Ngalezo zinsuku, ezweni laseKhanani, kwaba khona ukuxabana phakathi kwabelusi baka-Esawu nabelusi babantu baseKhanani, ngokuba izinkomo zika-Esawu nempahla yakhe kwakuningi kakhulu ukuba ahlale ezweni laseKhanani, endlini kayise, izwe laseKhanani lalingenakumthwala ngenxa yezinkomo zakhe.
27 U-Esawu esebona ukuthi ukuxabana kwakhe kwanda nabakhileyo ezweni laseKhanani, wasuka wathatha omkakhe, namadodana akhe, namadodakazi akhe, nakho konke okungokwakhe, nezinkomo zakhe, nayo yonke impahla yakhe ayitholile ezweni laseKhanani, wasuka kwabakhileyo ezweni waya ezweni laseSeyiri; u-Esawu nabo bonke abakhe bahlala ezweni laseSeyiri.
28 Kodwa u-Esawu wayevame ukuya kobona uyise nonina ezweni laseKhanani, u-Esawu washada namaHori, wanika amadodakazi akhe amadodana kaSeyiri, umHori.
29 Wanika u-Ana indodana kaZebeyoni, umfowabo womkakhe, uMarziti, indodakazi yakhe enkulu, no-Azari indodana kaBilihani, umHori, uPuti; u-Esawu wahlala ezintabeni, yena nabantwana bakhe; bazala, banda.

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1 Kwathi ngonyaka wesikhombisa, inkonzo kaJakobe ayeyisebenzela uLabani yaphela, uJakobe wathi kuLabani: "Nginike umkami, ngokuba izinsuku zomsebenzi wami

seziphelile.” ULabani wenza kanjalo; uLabani noJakobe babutha bonke abantu baleyo ndawo, benza idili.
2 Kwathi kusihlwa uLabani wafika endlini, kwathi ngemva kwalokho uJakobe wafika nabantu bomkhosi, uLabani wacima zonke izibani ezazikhona endlini.
3 UJakobe wathi kuLabani: “Usenzelani lokhu kithi na?” ULabani waphendula wathi: “Sikwenza lokhu kuleli zwe.”
4 Ngemva kwalokho uLabani wathatha indodakazi yakhe uLeya, wayiletha kuJakobe, wafika kuye, uJakobe wayengazi ukuthi unguLeya.
5 ULabani wanika indodakazi yakhe uLeya incekukazi yakhe uZilipa, abe yincekukazi yakhe.
6 Bonke abantu ababesedilini bazi ukuthi uLabani wayekwenzeni kuJakobe, kodwa abazange bamtshele uJakobe lokho.
7 Bonke omakhelwane bafika endlini kaJakobe ngalobo busuku, badla, baphuza, bajabula, badlala phambi kukaLeya ngezigubhu nangokusina; baphendula phambi kukaJakobe, bathi, Heleya, Heleya.
8 UJakobe wezwa amazwi abo kodwa akaqondanga incazelo yawo, kodwa wacabanga ukuthi lokhu kungaba yisiko labo kuleli zwe.
9 Omakhelwane bakhuluma la mazwi phambi kukaJakobe ebusuku, futhi zonke izibani ezazisendlini uLabani ayeyibeke ngalobo busuku zacima.
10 Kwathi ekuseni, sekusile, uJakobe waphendukela kumkakhe, wabona, bheka, kwakunguLeya owayelele esifubeni sakhe, uJakobe wathi: “Bheka, sengiyazi ukuthi omakhelwane bathini izolo ebusuku, Heleya,” basho njalo, mina bengingazi.
11 UJakobe wambiza uLabani, wathi kuye: “Kuyini lokhu okwenzile kimi? Ngikusebenzele uRaheli, ungikhohliseleni, wanginika uLeya na?”
12 ULabani waphendula uJakobe, wathi: “Akwenziwa kanjalo endaweni yethu ukuganisa omncane ngaphambi komkhulu manje; ngakho uma uthanda ukuthatha udadewabo naye, mthathele yena abe nawe ngomsebenzi ozakungikhonza ngawo eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa.”
13 UJakobe wenza kanjalo, wathatha noRaheli waba ngumkakhe, wakhonza uLabani iminyaka eyisikhombisa eyengeziwe, uJakobe wafika kuRaheli, wamthanda uRaheli kakhulu kunoLeya, uLabani wamnika incekukazi yakhe uBiliha ukuba abe yincekukazi yakhe.
14 Kwathi uJehova ebona ukuthi uLeya wayezondwa, uJehova wavula isibeletho sakhe; wakhulelwa, wamzalela uJakobe amadodana amane ngalezo zinsuku.
15 Lawa angamagama abo: uRubeni, uSimeyoni, noLevi, noJuda; kamuva wayeka ukuzala.
16 Ngaleso sikhathi uRaheli wayeyinyumba, engenabantwana, uRaheli waba nomona ngodadewabo uLeya, uRaheli esebonile ukuthi akamzaleli uJakobe abantwana, wathatha incekukazi yakhe uBiliha, wamzalela uJakobe amadodana amabili, uDani noNafetali.
17 Kwathi uLeya esebonile ukuthi useyekile ukuzala, wathatha incekukazi yakhe uZilipa, wamnika uJakobe ukuba abe ngumkakhe; uJakobe wafika kuZilipa naye, wamzalela uJakobe amadodana amabili, uGadi no-Asheri.
18 ULeya wabuye wakhulelwa, wamzalela uJakobe ngalezo zinsuku amadodana amabili nendodakazi eyodwa; lawa angamagama abo: u-Isakare, noZebuloni, noDina udadewabo.
19 URaheli wayeseyinyumba ngalezo zinsuku, uRaheli wakhuleka kuJehova ngaleso sikhathi, wathi: “Nkosi Nkulunkulu, ngikhumbule, ungihambele, ngiyakuncenga, ngokuba manje umyeni wami usezongilahla, ngokuba angimzalelanga bantwana.”
20 Manje, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, yizwa ukukhala kwami phambi kwakho, ubone ukuhlupheka kwami, ungiphe abantwana njengenye yezincekukazi, ukuze ngingabe ngisathwala ihlazo lami.
21 UNkulunkulu wamuzwa, wavula isibeletho sakhe; uRaheli wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wathi: “UJehova ususile ihlazo lami.” Waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uJosefa, ethi: “UJehova makangenezele enye indodana.” UJakobe wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanye ekumzaleni kwakhe.
22 Ngaleso sikhathi unina kaJakobe, uRebeka, wathumela umzanyana wakhe uDebora indodakazi ka-Uzi, nezinceku ezimbili zika-Isaka kuJakobe.
23 Bafika kuJakobe eHarana, bathi kuye: “URebeka usithumile kuwe ukuba ubuyele endlini kayihlo ezweni laseKhanani.” UJakobe wabalalela ngalokho unina ayekushilo.
24 Ngaleso sikhathi, eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa uJakobe asebenzela ngayo uLabani ngenxa kaRaheli yaphela, kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka eyishumi nane ehlala eHarana, uJakobe wathi kuLabani: Nginike abafazi bami, ungimukise, ukuze ngiye ezweni lakithi, ngokuba bheka, umama wangithumela evela ezweni laseKhanani ukuba ngibuyele endlini kababa.
25 ULabani wathi kuye: “Akunjalo; uma ngithole umusa emehlweni akho ungangishiyi; nginike inkokhelo yakho, ngizoyinika, uhlale nami.”
26 UJakobe wathi kuye: “Nakhu ozakunginika khona ngomvuzo, ukuthi namuhla ngiyakudabula emhlambini wakho wonke, ngithathe kuwo wonke amazinyane anamachashaza namabala, nansundu ezimvini nasezimbuzini; uma ungenzela lokhu, ngiyakubuya, ngiluse umhlambi wakho, ngiwugcine njengakuqala.”
27 ULabani wenza kanjalo, uLabani wasusa emhlambini wakhe konke uJakobe ayekushilo, wamnika kona.
28 UJakobe wabeka konke ayekuthathile emhlambini kaLabani ezandleni zamadodana akhe, uJakobe wayelusa umhlambi kaLabani osele.
29 Kwathi izinceku zika-Isaka ayezithumile kuJakobe zibona ukuthi uJakobe akasabuyi nazo ezweni laseKhanani kuyise, zasuka kuye, zabuyela ezweni laseKhanani.
30 UDebora wahlala noJakobe eHarana, akabuyelanga nezinceku zika-Isaka ezweni laseKhanani, uDebora wahlala nabafazi bakaJakobe nabantwana bakhe eHarana.
31 UJakobe wakhonza uLabani iminyaka eyisithupha eyengeziwe; kwathi lapho izimvu sezizala, uJakobe wasusa kuzo zonke ezimanakanaka nezinamabala, njengalokho ayekuqondile kuLabani; uJakobe wenza kanjalo kwaLabani iminyaka eyisithupha; lowo muntu wanda kakhulu, waba nezinkomo, nezinceku, nezinceku, namakamela, nezimbongolo.
32 UJakobe wayenezinkomo ezingamakhulu amabili, futhi izinkomo zakhe zazinkulu futhi zibukeka kahle futhi zazizala kakhulu, futhi yonke imindeni yamadodana abantu yayifisa ukuthola ezinye zezinkomo zikaJakobe, ngoba zazichuma kakhulu.

33 Kwafika amadodana abantu amaningi ukuzolanda umhlambi kaJakobe, uJakobe wabanika imvu yenceku noma yencekukazi noma yembongolo noma yekamela, noma bamnika noma yini uJakobe ayeyifisa kubo.
34 UJakobe wathola ingcebo, udumo kanye nempahla ngalezi zivumelwano namadodana abantu, futhi abantwana bakaLabani baba nomona ngaye ngalolo dumo.
35 Kwathi ngokuhamba kwesikhathi wezwa amazwi amadodana kaLabani, ethi: "UJakobe uthathile konke okwakungokukababa, futhi uthole lonke lolu dumo kulokho okwakungokukababa."
36 UJakobe wabona ubuso bukaLabani nobabantwana bakhe, futhi bheka babungasenaye ngalezo zinsuku njengoba babunjalo ngaphambili.
37 INkosi yabonakala kuJakobe ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisithupha, yathi kuye: "Suka, uphume kuleli zwe, ubuyele ezweni lakini, mina ngizakuba nawe."
38 UJakobe wasuka ngaleso sikhathi, wagibela abantwana bakhe nawomkakhe nakho konke okwakungokwakhe emakameleni, wahamba waya ezweni laseKhanani kuyise u-Isaka.
39 ULabani wayengazi ukuthi uJakobe usemukile kuye, ngokuba uLabani wayegunda izimvu ngalolo suku.
40 URaheli weba izithombe zikayise, wazithatha, wazifihla ekameleni ayehlezi kulo, wahamba.
41 Futhi lena yindlela yezithombe; ekuthatheni indoda eyizibulo bese uyibulala bese uyisusa izinwele ekhanda, bese uthatha usawoti bese ufaka usawoti ekhanda bese uligcoba ngamafutha, bese uthatha ithebhulethi encane yethusi noma ithebhulethi yegolide bese ubhala igama kuyo, bese ubeka ithebhulethi ngaphansi kolimi lwakhe, bese uthatha ikhanda kanye nethebhulethi ngaphansi kolimi bese ulifaka endlini, bese ukhanyisa izibani phambi kwayo bese ukhothamela kuyo.
42 Futhi ngesikhathi bekhothamela kuyo, ikhuluma nabo kuzo zonke izinto abazicelayo kuyo, ngamandla egama elibhalwe kuyo.
43 Futhi abanye bazenza ngemifanekiso yabantu, yegolide nesiliva, futhi baya kuzo ngezikhathi abaziyo, futhi imifanekiso yamukela ithonya lezinkanyezi, futhi ibatshele izinto zesikhathi esizayo, futhi ngale ndlela kwakuyizithombe uRaheli azeba kuyise.
44 URaheli weba lezi zithombe ezazingezikayise, ukuze uLabani angazi ngazo ukuthi uJakobe wayeyephi.
45 ULabani wafika ekhaya wabuza ngoJakobe nomndeni wakhe, kodwa akatholakalanga, uLabani wafuna izithombe zakhe ukuze azi ukuthi uJakobe wayeyephi, kodwa akazitholanga, waya kwezinye izithombe, wazibuza, zamtshela ukuthi uJakobe wayebaleke kuye waya koyise, ezweni laseKhanani.
46 ULabani wabe esesukuma, wathatha abafowabo nazo zonke izinceku zakhe, waphuma wamxosha uJakobe, wamfica entabeni yakwaGileyadi.
47 ULabani wathi kuJakobe: "Ungenzeleni lokhu, ubaleke, ungikhohlise, uhole amadodakazi ami nabantwana bawo njengabathunjwa abathunjwe ngenkemba na?"
48 Awungivumelanga ukuba ngibaqabule futhi ngibaxoshe ngenjabulo, weba onkulunkulu bami wahamba.
49 UJakobe waphendula uLabani, wathi: "Ngokuba bengesaba ukuthi ungangiphuca amadodakazi akho; manje lowo ozakuthola kuye onkulunkulu bakho uzakufa naye."
50 ULabani wafuna izithombe, wahlola ematendeni kaJakobe nasemifesheni yakhe yonke, kodwa akazitholanga.
51 ULabani wathi kuJakobe: "Sizokwenza isivumelwano, sibe ngubufakazi phakathi kwami nawe; uma uhlupha amadodakazi ami, noma uthatha abanye abafazi ngaphandle kwamadodakazi ami, uNkulunkulu uyakuba ngufakazi phakathi kwami nawe kule ndaba."
52 Bathatha amatshe, benza inqwaba. ULabani wathi: "Le nqwaba ingufakazi phakathi kwami nawe." Ngakho waqamba igama layo ngokuthi iGileyadi.
53 UJakobe noLabani banikela ngomhlatshelo entabeni, badla khona ngasenqwabeni, bahlala entabeni ubusuku bonke. ULabani wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wakhala namadodakazi akhe, wawanga, wabuyela endaweni yakhe.
54 Washesha wamthuma indodana yakhe uBeyori, owayeneminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa ubudala, kanye no-Abikorofi indodana ka-Uzi, indodana kaNahori, kanye nabo amadoda ayishumi.
55 Bashesha bahamba, badlula phambi kukaJakobe; bafika ngenye indlela eya ezweni laseSeyiri.
56 Bafika ku-Esawu bathi kuye: "Usho kanje umfowenu nomfowenu, uLabani indodana kaBetuweli, uthi:
57 Uzwile yini lokho uJakobe umfowenu akwenzile kimi, owafika kimi kuqala ehamba ze, engagqokile, ngaya ukumhlangabeza, ngamletha endlini yami ngenhlonipho, ngamenza waba mkhulu, ngamnika amadodakazi ami amabili ukuba abe ngabafazi bakhe kanye nezincekukazi zami ezimbili.
58 UNkulunkulu wambusisa ngenxa yami, wanda kakhulu, waba namadodana, namadodakazi, nezincekukazi.
59 Unemfuyo eningi yezimvu nezinkomo, amakamela nezimbongolo, kanye nesiliva negolide eliningi; kwathi ebona ukuthi ingcebo yakhe yanda, wangishiya ngisaya kogunda izimvu zami, wasukuma wabaleka ngasese.
60 Wakhwelisa abafazi bakhe nabantwana bakhe emakameleni, wathatha yonke imfuyo yakhe kanye nempahla yakhe ayithole ezweni lami, waphakamisa ubuso bakhe waya kuyise u-Isaka, ezweni laseKhanani.
61 Futhi akangivumelanga ukuba ngange amadodakazi ami nabantwana bawo, wahola amadodakazi ami njengabathunjwa abathunjwe ngenkemba, futhi weba nonkulunkulu bami wabaleka.
62 Manje sengimshiyile entabeni yasemfuleni iJabuki, yena nakho konke okungokwakhe; akaswele lutho.
63 Uma uthanda ukuya kuye, hamba uyomthola khona, wenze kuye njengokuthanda komphefumulo wakho." Izithunywa zikaLabani zafika zamtshela u-Esawu zonke lezi zinto.
64 U-Esawu wezwa onke amazwi ezithunywa zikaLabani, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha kakhulu kuJakobe, wakhumbula inzondo yakhe, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha ngaphakathi kuye.
65 U-Esawu washesha wathatha abantwana bakhe nezinceku zakhe nemiphefumulo yendlu yakhe, amadoda angamashumi ayisithupha, wahamba wabutha bonke abantwana bakwaSeyiri umHori nabantu babo, amadoda angamakhulu amathathu namashumi amane, wathatha bonke laba bantu abangamakhulu amane abaphethe izinkemba, waya kuJakobe ukuyomshaya.

66 U-Esawu wahlukanisa leli nani laba yizingxenye eziningana, wathatha amadoda angamashumi ayisithupha kubantwana bakhe nasezincekwini zakhe kanye nemiphefumulo yendlu yakhe njengenhloko eyodwa, wabanika u-Elifazi indodana yakhe endala ukuba banakekele.
67 Futhi izinhloko ezisele wazinika amadodana ayisithupha kaSeyiri umHori ukuba anakekele, futhi wabeka indoda ngayinye phezu kwezizukulwane zayo naphezu kwabantwana bayo.
68 Lonke leli qembu lahamba njengoba lalinjalo, u-Esawu wahamba phakathi kwabo waya kuJakobe, wabahola ngokushesha.
69 Izithunywa zikaLabani zasuka ku-Esawu zaya ezweni laseKhanani, zafika endlini kaRebeka unina kaJakobe no-Esawu.
70 Bamtshela bathi: "Bheka indodana yakho u-Esawu uhlasele umfowabo uJakobe enamadoda angamakhulu amane, ngokuba ezwile ukuthi uyeza, uye ukulwa naye, ambulale, athathe konke anakho."
71 URebeka washesha wathuma amadoda angamashumi ayisikhombisa nambili avela ezincekwini zika-Isaka ukuba amhlangabeze uJakobe endleleni, ngokuba wathi: "Mhlawumbe u-Esawu angalwa endleleni mhla ehlangana naye."
72 Lezi zithunywa zahamba endleleni ukuyohlangabeza uJakobe, zahlangana naye endleleni yasemfuleni ngaphesheya komfula iJabuki, uJakobe wathi lapho ezibona, "Leli kamu limiselwe mina livela kuNkulunkulu." UJakobe waqamba leyo ndawo ngokuthi iMaknayimi.
73 UJakobe wabazi bonke abantu bakayise, wabanga, wabagona, weza nabo, uJakobe wababuza ngoyise nonina, bathi, Baphilile.
74 Lezi zithunywa zathi kuJakobe: "URebeka unyoko usithumile kuwe, ethi: 'Ngizwile, ndodana yami, ukuthi umfowenu u-Esawu uphumile ukukuhlangabeza endleleni kanye nabantu bakwaSeyiri umHori.'
75 Ngakho-ke, ndodana yami, lalela izwi lami futhi ubone ngeseluleko sakho ukuthi uzokwenzenjani, futhi lapho efika kuwe, mnxuse, futhi ungakhulumi naye ngokuxhamazela, futhi umnike isipho kulokho onakho, nakulokho uNkulunkulu akuphe khona umusa.
76 Futhi uma ekubuza ngezindaba zakho, ungamfihli lutho, mhlawumbe angaphenduka entukuthelweni yakhe ngawe futhi ngaleyo ndlela uzosindisa umphefumulo wakho, wena nabo bonke abakho, ngoba kungumsebenzi wakho ukumhlonipha, ngoba ungumfowenu omdala.
77 Kwathi uJakobe ezwa amazwi kanina izithunywa ezaziwakhulume kuye, uJakobe waphakamisa izwi lakhe wakhala kabuhlungu, wenza njengoba unina ayemyalile.

ISAHLUKO 32

1 Ngaleso sikhathi uJakobe wathuma izithunywa ku-Esawu umfowabo ezweni laseSeyiri, wamtshela amazwi okumncenga.
2 Waziyala wathi: "Niyakusho kanje enkosini yami u-Esawu, nithi: 'Inceku yakho uJakobe ithi: Inkosi yami mayingacabangi ukuthi isibusiso sikababa angibusise ngaso sibe sihle kimi.'
3 Ngoba bengilokhu nginaye uLabani iminyaka engamashumi amabili, wangikhohlisa, washintsha inkokhelo yami kayishumi, njengoba konke sekutshelwe inkosi yami.
4 Ngamkhonza kakhulu endlini yakhe, uNkulunkulu wakubona ukuhlupheka kwami, umsebenzi wami, nomsebenzi wezandla zami, wanginika umusa nomusa emehlweni akhe.
5 Ngemva kwalokho, ngesihe esikhulu sikaNkulunkulu nomusa wakhe, ngathola izinkabi, izimbongolo, izinkomo, nezinceku, nezincekukazi.
6 Manje sengifikile ezweni lakithi nakumuzi wami kubaba nakumama, abasezweni laseKhanani; futhi ngithumele ukuthumela ukwazisa inkosi yami konke lokhu ukuze ngithole umusa emehlweni enkosi yami, ukuze ingacabangi ukuthi ngithole ingcebo ngokwami, noma ukuthi isibusiso ubaba angibusise ngaso singisizile.
7 Lezo zithunywa zafika ku-Esawu, zamthola emingceleni yezwe lakwa-Edomi eya kuJakobe, namadoda angamakhulu amane avela kubantwana bakwaSeyiri umHori ayemi ephethe izinkemba ezihoshiweyo.
8 Izithunywa zikaJakobe zamtshela u-Esawu konke uJakobe ayekushilo kuzo ngo-Esawu.
9 U-Esawu wabaphendula ngokuziqhenya nangokudelela, wathi kubo: "Ngizwile impela, futhi ngitsheliwe ngempela lokho uJakobe akwenzile kuLabani, owamkhulisa endlini yakhe, wamnika amadodakazi akhe ukuba abe ngabafazi bakhe, wazala amadodana namadodakazi, wanda kakhulu ngengcebo nengcebo endlini kaLabani ngezinto zakhe."
10 Kwathi lapho ebona ukuthi ingcebo yakhe yayiningi nokuthi ingcebo yakhe yayinkulu, wabaleka nakho konke okwakungokwakhe, washiya indlu kaLabani, wahola amadodakazi kaLabani wawasusa ebusweni bukayise, njengezithunjwa ezithathwe ngenkemba ngaphandle kokumtshela ngakho.
11 Futhi uJakobe akenzanga kanjalo kuLabani kuphela kodwa nakimi wenze kanjalo futhi ungikhohlisile kabili, futhi ngizothula?
12 Ngakho-ke namuhla ngifikile namakamu ami ukumhlangabeza, ngizokwenza kuye njengesifiso senhliziyo yami.
13 Izithunywa zabuya, zafika kuJakobe, zathi kuye: "Sifikile kumfowenu, ku-Esawu, samtshela onke amazwi akho; usiphendulile kanjalo; bheka, uyeza ukukuhlangabeza enamadoda angamakhulu amane."
14 Manje yazi futhi ubone ukuthi wenzeni, bese uthandaza phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuba akukhulule kuye.
15 Kwathi lapho ezwa amazwi omfowabo ayewakhulume ezithunyweni zikaJakobe, uJakobe wesaba kakhulu, wakhathazeka.
16 UJakobe wakhuleka kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe, wathi: "Jehova Nkulunkulu wawobaba, u-Abrahama no-Isaka, wena wakhuluma kimi mhla ngisuka endlini kababa, wathi:
17 NginguJehova uNkulunkulu kayihlo u-Abrahama noNkulunkulu ka-Isaka; ngiyakunika leli zwe nenzalo yakho emva kwakho, ngenze inzalo yakho ibe njengezinkanyezi zezulu, usabalale ezinhlangothini zozine zezulu, futhi kuwe nangenzalo yakho yonke imindeni yomhlaba iyakubusiswa.

18 Waqinisa amazwi akho, wanginika ingcebo, abantwana, nezinkomo, njengokwezifiso zenhliziyo yami; wanginika konke engakucela kuwe, kangangisweli lutho.
19 Wase usithi kimi kamuva: Buyela kubazali bakho nasendaweni yakho yokuzalelwa, ngisazokwenzela okuhle.
20 Manje njengoba sengifikile, futhi wangikhulula kuLabani, ngizowela ezandleni zika-Esawu ozongibulala, yebo, kanye nonina babantwana bami.
21 Ngakho-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, ake ungikhulule esandleni somfowethu u-Esawu, ngokuba ngiyamesaba kakhulu.
22 Uma kungekho ukulunga kimi, yenzani ngenxa ka-Abrahama nobaba u-Isaka.
23 Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi ngomusa nomusa ngithole le ngcebo; ngakho-ke ngiyakuncenga ukuba ungikhulule namuhla ngomusa wakho futhi ungiphendule.
24 UJakobe eseqedile ukukhuleka kuJehova, wahlukanisa abantu ababenaye nezimvu nezinkomo baba ngamakamu amabili, wanika uDameseki indodana ka-Eliyezeri, inceku ka-Abrahama, ikamu kanye nabantwana bakhe, nenye ingxenye wayinika umfowabo u-Eliyanusi indodana ka-Eliyezeri, ukuba ikamu kanye nabantwana bakhe.
25 Wabayala wathi: “Hlalani kude namakamu enu, ningasondeli kakhulu komunye nomunye; uma u-Esawu efika kwelinye ikamu alibulale, elinye ikamu elikude nalo lizomphunyuka.”
26 UJakobe wahlala lapho ngalobo busuku, wayala izinceku zakhe ubusuku bonke ngamabutho nabantwana bakhe.
27 UJehova wezwa umthandazo kaJakobe ngalolo suku, uJehova wamkhulula uJakobe esandleni somfowabo u-Esawu.
28 UJehova wathuma izingelosi ezintathu zezingelosi zasezulwini, zahamba phambi kuka-Esawu, zafika kuye.
29 Lezi zingelosi zabonakala ku-Esawu nakubantu bakhe njengamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezimbili, egibele amahhashi ephethe zonke izinhlobo zezikhali zempi, futhi zabonakala emehlweni ka-Esawu nawo wonke amadoda akhe ukuthi ahlukaniswe ngamakamu amane, kanye nezinduna ezine.
30 Kwase kuqhubeka elinye iqembu, bathola u-Esawu eza namadoda angamakhulu amane eya kumfowabo uJakobe, futhi leli qembu lagijimela ku-Esawu nabantu bakhe, labathusa, u-Esawu wawa ehhashini ethukile, futhi wonke amadoda akhe ahlukana naye kuleyo ndawo, ngoba babesaba kakhulu.
31 Bonke abantu basekamu bamemeza emva kwabo lapho bebaleka u-Esawu, futhi bonke abantu abanesibindi baphendula bathi:
32 Impela siyizinceku zikaJakobe, inceku kaNkulunkulu, ngubani-ke ongamelana nathi na?” U-Esawu wathi kubo: “Manje-ke, inkosi yami nomfowethu uJakobe yinkosi yenu, engingazange ngiyibone iminyaka engamashumi amabili, futhi manje njengoba ngize ukuzoyibona namuhla, niyangiphatha ngale ndlela?”
33 Izingelosi zamphendula zathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova, ukube uJakobe okhuluma ngaye ubengeyena umfowenu, besingeke sishiye noyedwa kuwe nakubantu bakho, kodwa ngenxa kaJakobe kuphela asiyikwenza lutho kubo.”
34 Leli kamu ladlula ku-Esawu namadoda akhe lahamba, u-Esawu namadoda akhe base behambile kubo cishe ngesivumelwano lapho ikamu lesibili lifika kuye liphethe zonke izinhlobo zezikhali, futhi benza ku-Esawu namadoda akhe njengoba ikamu lokuqala lenzile kubo.
35 Kwathi sebeyishiyile ukuze baqhubeke, bheka ikamu lesithathu lafika kuye futhi bonke besaba, u-Esawu wawa ehhashini, futhi lonke ikamu lamemeza, lathi, Impela siyizinceku zikaJakobe, oyinceku kaNkulunkulu, futhi ngubani ongamelana nathi?
36 U-Esawu waphendula wathi kubo: “Manje-ke, Jakobe, nkosi yami, nenkosi yenu ingumfowethu, futhi iminyaka engamashumi amabili angibonanga ubuso bakhe, futhi ngizwe namuhla ukuthi uyeza, ngiye ukuyomhlangabeza namuhla, futhi ungiphatha ngale ndlela?”
37 Bamphendula bathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova, uJakobe ubengesiye umfowenu, njengalokho ushilo, besingayikushiyanga nsali kuwe nakubantu bakho, kodwa ngenxa kaJakobe okhuluma ngaye ukuthi ungumfowenu, asiyikukuphazamisa wena noma nabantu bakho.”
38 Iqembu lesithathu nalo ladlula kubo, waqhubeka nohambo lwakhe namadoda akhe eya kuJakobe, lapho iqembu lesine lifika kuye, nabo benza kuye namadoda akhe njengoba abanye babenzile.
39 Kwathi u-Esawu ebona ububi obabusenziwa yizingelosi ezine kuye nakubantu bakhe, wesaba kakhulu umfowabo uJakobe, wahamba ukuyomhlangabeza ngokuthula.
40 U-Esawu wafihla inzondo yakhe ngoJakobe, ngoba wayesaba impilo yakhe ngenxa yomfowabo uJakobe, futhi ngoba wayecabanga ukuthi amaqembu amane ayewahlasele ayeyizinceku zikaJakobe.
41 UJakobe wahlala ngalobo busuku nezinceku zakhe emakamu abo, wanquma nezinceku zakhe ukumnika u-Esawu isipho kukho konke ayenakho nakukho konke okwakungokwakhe; uJakobe wavuka ekuseni, yena namadoda akhe, bakhethela u-Esawu isipho ezinkomeni.
42 Nansi inani lesipho uJakobe asikhetha emhlambini wakhe ukusinika u-Esawu umfowabo: wakhetha izinhloko ezingamakhulu amabili namashumi amane emhlambini, wakhetha emakameleni nasezimbongolweni ezingamashumi amathathu ngayinye, nezinkomo ezingamashumi amahlanu emhlambini.
43 Wazibeka zonke zibe yizinhlanga eziyishumi, wabeka uhlobo ngalunye lodwa, wazinikela ezandleni zezinceku zakhe eziyishumi, umhlambi ngamunye wodwa.
44 Wabayala, wathi kubo: “Hlalani kude, nibeke ibanga phakathi kwemihlambi; lapho u-Esawu nababe naye behlangana nani, benibuza bethi: ‘Ningobani, niyaphi, futhi kungokwabani konke lokhu okuphambi kwenu,’ nithi kubo: ‘Siyizinceku zikaJakobe,’ futhi siyeza ukumhlangabeza u-Esawu ngokuthula, futhi bhekani, uJakobe uyeza emva kwethu.’
45 Lokho okuphambi kwethu kuyisipho esithunyelwe nguJakobe kumfowabo u-Esawu.
46 Uma bethi kini: ‘Kungani ephuza emva kwenu, ukuze angahlangabezi umfowabo, abone ubuso bakhe,’ nibothi kubo: ‘Impela uyabuya emva kwethu ethokoza ukuhlangabeza umfowabo,’ ngokuba wathi: ‘Ngingamthobisa ngesipho esiza kuye, emva kwalokho ngibone ubuso bakhe, mhlawumbe angangamukela.’
47 Ngakho isipho sonke sadlula ezandleni zezinceku zakhe, zahamba phambi kwakhe ngalolo suku, walala ngalobo busuku namakamu akhe ngasemngceleni wesifufula

saseJabuki, wavuka phakathi kobusuku, wathatha omkakhe nezincekukazi zakhe, nakho konke okwakungokwakhe, yena ngalobo busuku wabawela izibuko laseJabuki.
48 Kwathi esedlule konke okwakungokwakhe ngaphesheya komfula, uJakobe wasala yedwa, kwahlangana nomuntu, wabambana naye ngalobo busuku kwaze kwaba sekuntweleni kokusa; isikhoxo sethanga likaJakobe saphuma ngenxa yokubambana naye.
49 Kwathi sekusile, indoda yamshiya lapho uJakobe, yambusisa, yahamba; uJakobe wadlula umfudlana ekuseni, waqhuzuka ethangeni lakhe.
50 Ilanga laphuma phezu kwakhe esedlule umfula, wafika endaweni lapho izinkomo zakhe nabantwana bakhe babe khona.
51 Baqhubeka kwaze kwaba semini, kwathi besahamba isipho sadlula phambi kwabo.
52 UJakobe waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabuka, bheka, u-Esawu wayesekude, eza nabantu abaningi, kungathi abangamakhulu amane; uJakobe wayemesaba kakhulu umfowabo.
53 UJakobe washesha wabahlukanisela abantwana bakhe abafazi bakhe nezincekukazi zakhe, wabeka uDina indodakazi yakhe ebhokisini, wamnikela ezandleni zezinceku zakhe.
54 Wadlula phambi kwabantwana bakhe nabafazi bakhe ukuyohlangabeza umfowabo, wakhothama phansi, yebo wakhothama kasikhombisa waze wasondela kumfowabo, uNkulunkulu wenza uJakobe wathola umusa nomusa emehlweni ka-Esawu namadoda akhe, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayezwile umthandazo kaJakobe.
55 Ukwesaba kukaJakobe nokwesaba kwakhe kwehlela phezu komfowabo u-Esawu, ngokuba u-Esawu wayemesaba kakhulu uJakobe ngalokho izingelosi zikaNkulunkulu ezazikwenzile ku-Esawu, intukuthelo ka-Esawu kuJakobe yaphenduka umusa.
56 Kwathi u-Esawu ebona uJakobe egijima eza kuye, naye wagijima waya kuye, wamanga, wawela entanyeni yakhe, bamanga, bakhala.
57 UNkulunkulu wabeka ukwesaba nomusa kuJakobe ezinhliziyweni zamadoda ayehamba no-Esawu, futhi bamanga uJakobe futhi bamanga.
58 Futhi u-Elifazi, indodana ka-Esawu, nabafowabo abane, amadodana ka-Esawu, bakhala noJakobe, bamanga futhi bamanga, ngoba ukwesaba uJakobe kwase kubafikele bonke.
59 U-Esawu waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona abesifazane nabantwana babo, abantwana bakaJakobe, behamba ngemuva kukaJakobe, bekhothamela u-Esawu endleleni.
60 U-Esawu wathi kuJakobe: “Obani laba abanawe, mfowethu? Bangabantwana bakho noma yizinceku zakho na?” UJakobe waphendula u-Esawu wathi: “Bangabantwana bami uNkulunkulu abaphe inceku yakho ngomusa.”
61 Kwathi uJakobe esakhuluma no-Esawu namadoda akhe, u-Esawu wabona lonke ikamu, wathi kuJakobe: “Ulithathephi lonke ikamu engahlangana nalo izolo ebusuku?” UJakobe wathi: “Ukuthola umusa emehlweni enkosi yami, yilokho uNkulunkulu akuphe inceku yakho ngomusa.”
62 Isipho safika phambi kuka-Esawu, uJakobe wamcindezela u-Esawu, wathi: “Ake uthathe isipho engisilethe enkosini yami.” U-Esawu wathi: “Kungani ngihlose lokhu na? Gcina lokho onakho kube ngokwakho.”
63 UJakobe wathi: “Kungumsebenzi wami ukunikela ngakho konke lokhu, njengoba ngibone ubuso bakho, ukuthi usaphila ngokuthula.”
64 Kodwa u-Esawu wala ukwamukela isipho, uJakobe wathi kuye: “Ngiyakuncenga nkosi yami, uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, yamukela isipho sami esandleni sami, ngokuba ngibone ubuso bakho sengathi ngibone ubuso obunjengonkulunkulu, ngokuba ungithokozisile.”
65 U-Esawu wathatha isipho, uJakobe wamnika u-Esawu isiliva negolide nebhedola, ngokuba wamcindezela kakhulu waze wakuthatha.
66 U-Esawu wahlukanisa izinkomo ezazisekamu, wanika inxenye yalezo zimvu ezazize naye, ngokuba zazifike ngokuqashwa, enye ingxenye wayinika abantwana bakhe.
67 Isiliva negolide nebhedolayimu wakunikela ezandleni zika-Elifazi indodana yakhe endala, u-Esawu wathi kuJakobe: “Masihlale nawe, sizohamba nawe kancane kancane uze ufike kimi, sihlale khona ndawonye.”
68 UJakobe waphendula umfowabo wathi, Ngizokwenza njengoba inkosi yami isho kimi, kodwa inkosi yami iyazi ukuthi abantwana bathambile, nezimvu nezinkomo ezinami zihamba kancane, ngoba uma behamba ngokushesha bonke bangafa, ngoba uyazi imithwalo yabo nokukhathala kwabo.
69 Ngakho-ke inkosi yami mayidlule phambi kwenceku yayo, mina ngizohamba kancane ngenxa yabantwana nemihlambi, ngize ngifike endaweni yenkosi yami eSeyiri.
70 U-Esawu wathi kuJakobe: “Ngizobeka nawe abanye babantu abanami ukuba bakunakekele endleleni, bathwale ukukhathala kwakho nomthwalo wakho.” Wathi: “Kudingekani nkosi yami, uma ngingathola umusa emehlweni akho?”
71 Bheka, ngiyakuza kuwe eSeyiri, ngihlale khona ndawonye, njengoba ushilo; hamba nabantu bakini, ngokuba ngiyakukulandela.
72 UJakobe washo lokhu ku-Esawu ukuze asuse u-Esawu namadoda akhe kuye, ukuze kamuva uJakobe abuyele endlini kayise ezweni laseKhanani.
73 U-Esawu walalela izwi likaJakobe, u-Esawu wabuya namadoda angamakhulu amane ayenaye endleleni eya eSeyiri, uJakobe nabo bonke ababenaye bahamba ngalolo suku, baze bafika emikhawulweni yezwe laseKhanani, wahlala lapho isikhathi esithile.

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1 Kwathi ngemva kwesikhathi esithile uJakobe esephumile emikhawulweni yezwe, wafika ezweni laseShalemi, okungukuthi umuzi waseShekemi, osezweni laseKhanani, waphumula phambi komuzi.
2 Wathenga insimu eyayilapho, kubantwana bakwaHamori, abantu bezwe, ngamashekeli ayisihlanu.
3 UJakobe wakha indlu lapho, wamisa itende lakhe lapho, wenza amadokodo ezinkomo zakhe; ngalokho waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi iSukoti.
4 UJakobe wahlala eSukoti umnyaka nezinyanga eziyisithupha.

5 Ngaleso sikhathi abanye besifazane bezakhamuzi zakulelo zwe baya emzini waseShekemi ukuyosina nokujabula namadodakazi abantu bomuzi, kwathi lapho bephuma, uRaheli noLeya, abafazi bakaJakobe, nemindeni yabo, nabo baya ukuyobona injabulo yamadodakazi omuzi.
6 UDina indodakazi kaJakobe naye wahamba nabo wabona amadodakazi omuzi, futhi bahlala lapho phambi kwala madodakazi kuyilapho bonke abantu bomuzi bemi eduze kwabo ukuze babone injabulo yabo, futhi bonke abantu abakhulu bomuzi babekhona.
7 UShekemi indodana kaHamori, isikhulu sezwe, naye wayemi lapho ukuze ababone.
8 UShekemi wabona uDina indodakazi kaJakobe ehlezi nonina phambi kwamadodakazi omuzi, intombi yamjabulisa kakhulu, wabuza lapho abangane bakhe nabantu bakhe, wathi: "Indodakazi kabani le ehlezi phakathi kwabesifazane engingabazi kulo muzi?"
9 Bathi kuye: "Ngempela lo uyindodakazi kaJakobe indodana ka-Isaka umHebheru, obehlala kulo muzi isikhathi esithile, kwathi lapho kubikwa ukuthi amadodakazi alelo zwe ayephuma ukuyojabula, wahamba nonina nezincekukazi zakhe ukuyohlala phakathi kwabo njengoba ubona."
10 UShekemi wabona uDina indodakazi kaJakobe, kwathi lapho embheka umphefumulo wakhe wanamathela kuDina.
11 Wathumela ukuba athathwe ngenkani, uDina wafika endlini kaShekemi, wambamba ngenkani, walala naye, wamdlwengula, wamthanda kakhulu, wambeka endlini yakhe.
12 Bafika bamtshela uJakobe le ndaba. UJakobe esezwile ukuthi uShekemi ungcolisile indodakazi yakhe uDina, uJakobe wathuma izinceku zakhe eziyishumi nambili ukuba zimlande uDina endlini kaShekemi; bahamba, bafika endlini kaShekemi ukuyomthatha uDina lapho.
13 Kwathi lapho befika uShekemi waphuma waya kubo kanye namadoda akhe wabaxosha endlini yakhe, futhi akabavumelanga ukuba bafike phambi kukaDina, kodwa uShekemi wayehleli noDina emanga futhi emgona phambi kwamehlo abo.
14 Izinceku zikaJakobe zabuya zamtshela, zathi: "Lapho sifika, yena namadoda akhe basixosha, uShekemi wenza kanjalo kuDina phambi kwamehlo ethu."
15 UJakobe wazi futhi ukuthi uShekemi ungcolisile indodakazi yakhe, kodwa akashongo lutho, amadodana akhe ayeluse izinkomo zakhe endle, uJakobe wathula kwaze kwaba yilapho bebuya.
16 Ngaphambi kokuba amadodana akhe abuye ekhaya, uJakobe wathumela izintombi ezimbili ezivela emadodakazini ezinceku zakhe ukuba ziyonakekela uDina endlini kaShekemi, futhi zihlale naye, uShekemi wathumela abangane bakhe abathathu kuyise uHamori indodana kaKidekemi, indodana kaPheredi, wathi, "Ngithathele le ntombazane ibe ngumkami."
17 UHamori indodana kaKidekemi umHivi wafika endlini kaShekemi indodana yakhe, wahlala phambi kwakhe; uHamori wathi endodaneni yakhe: "Shekemi, akukho yini owesifazane phakathi kwamadodakazi abantu bakini ukuba uthathe owesifazane ongumHebheru ongesiye owabantu bakini na?"
18 UShekemi wathi kuye: "Ngithengele yena kuphela, ngokuba uyathandeka emehlweni ami." UHamori wenza njengezwi lendodana yakhe, ngokuba wayethandwa kakhulu yiyo.
19 UHamori waphuma waya kuJakobe ukuyokhuluma naye ngale ndaba. Esephumile endlini yendodana yakhe uShekemi, engakafiki kuJakobe ukukhuluma naye, bheka, amadodana kaJakobe ayesevela endle, esezwile lokho okwenziwe nguShekemi indodana kaHamori.
20 Amadoda azizwa edabuke kakhulu ngodadewabo, abuya ethukuthele kakhulu, ngaphambi kokuba kuqoqwe izinkomo zawo.
21 Bafika bahlala phambi kukayise, bakhuluma naye bevutha ulaka, bathi: "Impela lo muntu kanye nendlu yakhe kufanele afe, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke yayala uNowa nabantwana bakhe ukuthi umuntu akufanele aphange, noma aphinge; bhekani manje uShekemi ubhubhise futhi wafeba nodadewethu, futhi akekho noyedwa kubo bonke abantu bomuzi owakhuluma naye."
22 Ngokuqinisekile uyazi futhi uyaqonda ukuthi isigwebo sokufa sifanele uShekemi, noyise, nomuzi wonke ngenxa yento ayenzile.
23 Kwathi besakhuluma phambi kukayise ngale ndaba, bheka, uHamori uyise kaShekemi weza ukuzokhuluma noJakobe amazwi endodana yakhe ngoDina; wahlala phambi kukaJakobe naphambi kwamadodana akhe.
24 UHamori wakhuluma nabo, wathi: "Inhliziyo yendodana yami uShekemi iyalangazelela indodakazi yenu; ake nimnike yona ibe ngumkakhe, nishade nathi; sipheni amadodakazi enu, thina sininike amadodakazi ethu, nihlale nathi ezweni lakithi, sibe yisizwe esisodwa ezweni."
25 Ngoba izwe lethu likhulu kakhulu; ngakho-ke hlalani, nithengiselane kulo, nifuye kulo, nenze njengokufisa kwenu; kungabikho muntu onivimbela ngokukhuluma kini.
26 UHamori wayeseyeka ukukhuluma noJakobe namadodana akhe, bheka, uShekemi indodana yakhe wamlandela, wahlala phambi kwabo.
27 UShekemi wakhuluma phambi kukaJakobe namadodana akhe, wathi: "Mangithole umusa emehlweni enu ukuba ninginike indodakazi yenu, noma yini eniyishoyo kimi ngiyakuyenzela yona."
28 Celani kimi ilobolo elingingi nesipho, ngizolinika, futhi noma yini enizoyisho kimi ngizokwenza, futhi noma ngubani ozovukela imiyalo yakho, uzokufa; kuphela nginikeni intombi ibe ngumfazi wami.
29 USimeyoni noLevi baphendula ngobuqili uHamori noShekemi indodana yakhe, bathi: "Konke okushilo kithi siyakukwenzela wena."
30 Bheka, udadewethu usendlini yakho, kodwa hlala kude naye size sithumele ku-Isaka ubaba ngale ndaba, ngoba asinakwenza lutho ngaphandle kwemvume yakhe.
31 Ngoba uyazazi izindlela zikababa wethu u-Abrahama, futhi noma yini ayishoyo kithi sizokutshela yona, ngeke sikufihlele lutho.
32 USimeyoni noLevi bakhuluma lokhu kuShekemi noyise ukuze bathole isizathu, futhi bacele iseluleko ngalokho okwakuzokwenziwa kuShekemi nakumuzi wakubo ngale ndaba.
33 Kwathi uShekemi noyise bezwa amazwi kaSimeyoni noLevi, kwaba kuhle emehlweni abo; uShekemi noyise baphuma baya ekhaya.

34 Kwathi sebehambile, amadodana kaJakobe athi kuyise, “Bheka, siyazi ukuthi ukufa kubangelwa yilaba bantu ababi kanye nomuzi wabo, ngoba beqe lokho uNkulunkulu ayekuyalile kuNowa nakubantwana bakhe kanye nenzalo yakhe ngemva kwabo.”
35 Futhi ngenxa yokuthi uShekemi wenze lokhu kudadewethu uDina ngokumngcolisa, ngoba ububi obunjalo abusoze benziwa phakathi kwethu.
36 Ngakho-ke yazi manje, ubone ukuthi uzokwenzani, ufune iseluleko nesizathu sokuthi kuzokwenziwani kubo, ukuze kubulawe bonke abakhileyo kulo muzi.
37 USimeyoni wathi kubo: “Nansi iseluleko esihle kini: Batsheleni ukuthi basoke bonke abesilisa phakathi kwabo njengoba nathi sisokile, futhi uma bengathandi ukwenza lokhu, sizothatha indodakazi yethu kubo sihambe.”
38 Futhi uma bevuma ukwenza lokhu futhi bezokwenza, khona-ke lapho sebecwile ebuhlungwini, sizobahlasela ngezinkemba zethu, njengakumuntu othule futhi onokuthula, futhi sizobulala wonke umuntu wesilisa phakathi kwabo.
39 Iseluleko sikaSimeyoni saba sihle kubo; oSimeyoni noLevi banquma ukwenza kubo njengoba kwakuhlosiwe.
40 Ngakusasa ekuseni uShekemi noHamori uyise babuyela kuJakobe nakumadodana akhe ukuyokhuluma ngoDina nokuzwa ukuthi amadodana kaJakobe aphendule athini ngamazwi awo.
41 Amadodana kaJakobe akhuluma kubo ngobuqili, athi: “Simtshelile ubaba u-Isaka konke okushilo, amazwi akho amthokozisa.”
42 Kodwa wakhuluma nathi, wathi: ‘U-Abrahama uyise wamyala kanje evela kuNkulunkulu iNkosi yomhlaba wonke, ukuthi noma yimuphi umuntu ongesiye owenzalo yakhe ofuna ukuthatha enye yamadodakazi akhe, makabangele ukuba bonke abesilisa bakhe basokwe, njengoba nathi sisokiwe, bese simnika indodakazi yethu ibe ngumkakhe.’
43 Manje sesikwazisile zonke izindlela zethu ubaba asitshela zona, ngoba asinakukwenza lokho ositshele khona, ukunika indodakazi yethu indoda engasokile, ngoba kuyihlazo kithi.
44 Kodwa ngalokho sizovuma ukuthi sininike indodakazi yethu, nathi sizithathele amadodakazi enu, sihlale phakathi kwenu, sibe yisizwe esisodwa, njengalokho nishilo, uma nilalela, nivuma ukuba njengathi, nisoke bonke abesilisa kini, njengalokhu nathi sisokile.
45 Uma ningasilalelelli, sosoke bonke abesilisa, njengalokho sisokile, njengalokho siyalile, khona-ke siyakuza kini, sithathe indodakazi yethu kini, sihambe.
46 UShekemi noyise uHamori bezwa amazwi amadodana kaJakobe, le nto yabajabulisa kakhulu. UShekemi noyise uHamori bashesha ukwenza okufunwa ngamadodana kaJakobe, ngokuba uShekemi wayemthanda kakhulu uDina, umphefumulo wakhe wamthanda.
47 UShekemi noyise uHamori bashesha baya esangweni lomuzi, babutha bonke abantu bomuzi wakubo, bakhuluma kubo amazwi amadodana kaJakobe, bathi:
48 Sifikile kula madoda, amadodana kaJakobe, sakhuluma nawo ngendodakazi yawo, futhi la madoda azovuma ukwenza ngokwezifiso zethu, futhi bheka izwe lethu likhulu kakhulu kubo, futhi bazohlala kulo, bahwebe kulo, futhi sizoba yisizwe esisodwa; sizothatha amadodakazi abo, namadodakazi ethu sizowanika wona abe ngabafazi.
49 Kodwa kuphela ngalo mbandela laba bantu bazovuma ukwenza lokhu, ukuthi bonke abesilisa phakathi kwethu basokwe njengoba besokiwe, njengoba uNkulunkulu wabo eyalile, futhi uma sesikwenzile lokho abakushilo, bazohlala nathi, kanye nezinkomo zabo nempahla yabo, futhi sizoba yisizwe esisodwa nabo.
50 Kwathi bonke abantu bomuzi bezwa amazwi kaShekemi noyise uHamori, bonke abantu bomuzi wabo bavumelana nalesi siphakamiso, balalela ukuba basokwe, ngoba uShekemi noyise uHamori babehlonishwa kakhulu yibo, beyizikhulu zezwe.
51 Kwathi ngakusasa uShekemi noHamori uyise bavuka ekuseni kakhulu, babutha bonke amadoda omuzi wakubo phakathi komuzi, babiza amadodana kaJakobe, abasoka bonke abesilisa babo ngalolo suku nangosuku olulandelayo.
52 Basoka uShekemi noHamori uyise, nabafowabo abahlanu baseShekemi, basukuma bonke, babuyela ekhaya, ngokuba le nto yayivela kuJehova ngokumelene nomuzi waseShekemi, futhi iseluleko sikaSimeyoni sasivela kuJehova ngale ndaba, ukuze uJehova anikele umuzi waseShekemi ezandleni zamadodana amabili kaJakobe.

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1 Inani labo bonke abesilisa abasokwayo lalingamadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi amane nanhlanu, nabantwana abangamakhulu amabili namashumi amane nesithupha.
2 Kodwa uKidekemi, indodana kaPheredi, uyise kaHamori, nabafowabo abayisithupha, abazange bamlalele uShekemi noyise uHamori, futhi abazange basokwe, ngoba isiphakamiso samadodana kaJakobe sasiyinto enengekayo emehlweni abo, futhi intukuthelo yabo yavutha kakhulu ngalokhu, ukuthi abantu bomuzi abazange babalalele.
3 Kwathi kusihlwa ngosuku lwesibili, bathola abantwana abancane abayisishiyagalombili ababengasokwanga, ngoba onina babebafihlile kuShekemi nakuyise uHamori, nakubantu bomuzi.
4 UShekemi noyise uHamori bathumela ukuba balethwe phambi kwabo ukuze basokwe, lapho uKidekemi nabafowabo abayisithupha bebahlasela ngezinkemba zabo, befuna ukubabulala.
5 Bafuna ukubulala noShekemi noyise uHamori, bafuna ukubulala uDina nabo ngenxa yale ndaba.
6 Bathi kubo: “Kuyini lokhu enikwenzileyo na? Akukho yini abesifazane phakathi kwamadodakazi abafowenu baseKhanani, ukuze nithathe amadodakazi amaHeberu eningawaziyo ngaphambili, nize nenze lesi senzo oyihlo abangazange baniyale ngaso na?”
7 Ucabanga ukuthi uzophumelela ngalesi senzo osenze, futhi uzophendula uthini kule ndaba kubafowenu baseKhanani, abazokuza kusasa bakubuze ngale nto?
8 Uma isenzo senu singabonakali silungile emehlweni abo, niyokwenzelani ukuphila kwenu, nami ngibe nokuphila kwethu, njengoba ningalalelanga amazwi ethu?
9 Uma abakhileyo ezweni nabo bonke abafowenu, abantwana bakwaHamu, bezwa ngesenzo sakho, bethi:
10 Ngenxa yowesifazane ongumHebheru uShekemi noyise uHamori, nabo bonke abakhileyo emzini wakubo, benza

lokho ababengakwazi futhi okhokho babo ababengabayalanga, pho-ke nizobalekelaphi noma nizofihlaphi ihlazo lenu, zonke izinsuku zenu phambi kwabafowenu, abakhileyo ezweni laseKhanani?
11 Ngakho-ke asinakukuthwala lokhu okwenzileyo, futhi asinakuthwaliswa leli joka phezu kwethu, obaba bethu abangasiyalanga ngalo.
12 Bheka kusasa sizohamba siyobutha bonke abafowethu, abafowethu baseKhanani abahlala ezweni, futhi sizofika sonke sikubulale wena nabo bonke abathembela kuwe, ukuze kungabikho nsali kuwe noma kubo.
13 Kwathi uHamori nendodana yakhe uShekemi nabo bonke abantu bomuzi bezwa amazwi kaKidekemi nabafowabo, besaba kakhulu ngokuphila kwabo ngamazwi abo, baphenduka ngalokho ababekwenzile.
14 UShekemi noyise uHamori baphendula uyise uKidekemi nabafowabo, bathi kubo: “Onke amazwi owakhuluma nathi ayiqiniso.”
15 Manje ningasho, futhi ningacabangi ezinhliziyweni zenu ukuthi ngenxa yothando lwamaHebheru senze lokhu okhokho bethu abangazange basilaye ngakho.
16 Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi sabona ukuthi kwakungeyona inhloso nesifiso sabo ukuvuma izifiso zethu mayelana nendodakazi yabo mayelana nokumthatha kwethu, ngaphandle kwalokhu, ngakho salalela amazwi abo futhi senza lesi senzo enisibonile, ukuze sithole isifiso sethu kubo.
17 Kuyothi lapho sesithole isicelo sabo, sibuyele kubo senze kubo lokho enikushoyo kithi.
18 Ngakho-ke siyanincenga ukuba nilinde futhi nilinde kuze kube yilapho inyama yethu iphola futhi siphinde sibe namandla, bese sihlangana simelane nabo, senze kubo lokho okusezinhliziyweni zenu nakwezethu.
19 UDina indodakazi kaJakobe wezwa wonke lawo mazwi uKidekemi nabafowabo ababewakhulumile, nalokho uHamori nendodana yakhe uShekemi nabantu bomuzi wakubo ababebaphendule ngakho.
20 Washesha wathumela enye yezincekukazi zakhe, uyise ayeyithumile ukuba iyomnakekela endlini kaShekemi, kuJakobe uyise nakubafowabo, wathi:
21 UKidekemu nabafowabo bacebisana ngawe, uHamori noShekemi nabantu bomuzi babaphendula kanjalo.
22 Kwathi uJakobe ezwa la mazwi wagcwala intukuthelo, wabathukuthelela, intukuthelo yakhe yabavuthela.
23 OSimeyoni noLevi bafunga bathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova, uNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke, akuyikusala muntu kulo lonke umuzi ngalesi sikhathi kusasa.”
24 Izinsizwa ezingamashumi amabili zazicashile ezazingasokile, futhi lezi zinsizwa zalwa noSimeyoni noLevi, uSimeyoni noLevi babulala abayishumi nesishiyagalombili babo, kwathi ababili babaleka kubo babalekela emigodini ethile yelayisi eyayisedolobheni, uSimeyoni noLevi babafuna, kodwa ababatholanga.
25 USimeyoni noLevi baqhubeka bezungeza umuzi, babulala bonke abantu bomuzi ngosiko lwenkemba, abashiyanga noyedwa owasalayo.
26 Futhi kwaba khona ukwesaba okukhulu phakathi komuzi, futhi ukukhala kwabantu bomuzi kwenyukela ezulwini, futhi bonke abesifazane nabantwana bakhala kakhulu.
27 OSimeyoni noLevi babulala wonke umuzi, abashiyanga noyedwa owesilisa emzini wonke.
28 Babulala uHamori noShekemi indodana yakhe ngosiko lwenkemba, bamkhipha uDina endlini kaShekemi, bahamba lapho.
29 Amadodana kaJakobe ahamba, abuya, afica ababuleweyo, aphanga yonke impahla yabo eyayisemzini nasensimini.
30 Kwathi besathatha impango, amadoda angamakhulu amathathu asukuma, abathela ngothuli, abashaya ngamatshe, lapho uSimeyoni ephendukela kubo, wababulala bonke ngosiko lwenkemba, uSimeyoni waphendukela kuLevi, wangena emzini.
31 Bathatha izimvu zabo nezinkomo zabo nezinkomo zabo, kanye nensalela yabesifazane nezingane, bathatha bonke laba, bavula isango baphuma bafika kuyise uJakobe ngamandla.
32 UJakobe esebonile konke ababekwenzile emzini, ebona impango ababeyithathile kubo, uJakobe wabathukuthelela kakhulu, uJakobe wathi kubo: “Kuyini lokhu enikwenzile kimi na? Bhekani, ngiphumulile phakathi kwabantu baseKhanani bakuleli zwe, futhi akekho kubo ongiphambukile.”
33 Manje usungenze ngaba yisinengiso kubantu bakulelizwe, phakathi kwamaKhanani namaPherizi, futhi ngiyingcosana nje, futhi bonke bazongibuthana bangibulale lapho bezwa ngomsebenzi wakho nabafowabo, mina nendlu yami sizobhujiswa.
34 USimeyoni noLevi nabo bonke abafowabo ababenabo baphendula uyise uJakobe, bathi kuye: “Bheka, sihlala ezweni, uShekemi uyakumenzela lokhu udadewethu na? Kungani uthule ngakho konke akwenzile uShekemi na? Angamphatha udadewethu njengesifebe esisezitaladini na?”
35 Inani labesifazane uSimeyoni noLevi ababathumba emzini waseShekemi, abangazange bababulale, lalingama-85 ababengayazi indoda.
36 Phakathi kwabo kwakukhona intombazane encane ebukeka kahle futhi ebukeka kahle, egama layo linguBuna, uSimeyoni wayithatha yaba ngumkakhe, futhi inani labesilisa abathumba kodwa abangazange babulale, lalingabantu abangamashumi amane nesikhombisa, abanye babulala.
37 Zonke izinsizwa nezintombi ezazithunjwe nguSimeyoni noLevi emzini waseShekemi zaba yizinceku zamadodana kaJakobe nezabantwana babo ngemva kwabo, kwaze kwaba lusuku amadodana kaJakobe aphuma ngalo ezweni laseGibhithe.
38 Kwathi lapho uSimeyoni noLevi sebephumile emzini, izinsizwa ezimbili ezazisele, ezazicashe emzini, futhi zingafanga phakathi kwabantu bomuzi, zasukuma, futhi lezi zinsizwa zangena emzini zahambahamba kuwo, zathola umuzi ungenalutho ungenandoda, futhi abesifazane kuphela bekhala, futhi lezi zinsizwa zamemeza zathi, Bheka, lokhu kubi amadodana kaJakobe umHebheru akwenzile kulo muzi ngokuqeda kwawo omunye wemizi yamaKhanani namuhla, futhi ayengesabi ukuphila kwawo wonke umhlaba waseKhanani.
39 Laba bantu baphuma emzini baya emzini waseTaphanaki, bafika lapho, batshela izakhamuzi zaseTaphanaki konke okwabehlele, nakho konke amadodana kaJakobe ayekwenzile emzini waseShekemi.

40 Ukwaziswa kwafika kuJashubi inkosi yaseTapnaki, wathumela amadoda emzini waseShekemi ukuyobona lawo majaha, ngoba inkosi ayizange iwakholwe kule ndaba, yathi, Amadoda amabili angawuchitha kanjani umuzi omkhulu kangaka njengeShekemi?
41 Izithunywa zikaJashubi zabuya zamtshela, zathi: "Sifikile emzini, futhi ubhujisiwe, akukho muntu lapho, kodwa abesifazane abakhalayo kuphela, futhi akukho zimvu nezinkomo lapho, ngoba konke okwakusemzini amadodana kaJakobe akuthatha."
42 UJashubi wamangala ngalokhu, wathi: "Amadoda amabili angenza kanjani lokhu, abhubhise umuzi omkhulu kangaka, kungekho muntu oyedwa omelana nawo?"
43 Ngoba lokhu akuzange kube khona kusukela ezinsukwini zikaNimrode, futhi kusukela esikhathini esidala kakhulu, lokhu akuzange kwenzeke; uJashubi, inkosi yaseTapnaki, wathi kubantu bakhe: "Yibani nesibindi, sizohamba siyolwa nala maHebheru, senze kuwo njengoba enza kulo muzi, futhi sizophindisela udaba lwabantu bomuzi."
44 UJashubi, inkosi yaseTafenaki, wabonisana nabeluleki bakhe ngale ndaba, abeluleki bakhe bathi kuye: "Wena wedwa awuyikuwanqoba amaHebheru, ngokuba kumelwe abe namandla okwenza lo msebenzi kulo lonke idolobha."
45 Uma ababili babo bechitha umuzi wonke, kungekho muntu omelana nabo, impela uma uzimisele ukuya kubo, bonke bazosivukela basibhubhise nathi.
46 Kodwa uma uthumela kuwo wonke amakhosi asizungezile, uwavumele ahlangane ndawonye, khona-ke sizohamba nawo silwe nabantwana bakaJakobe; khona-ke uzowanqoba.
47 UJashubi wezwa amazwi abeluleki bakhe, amazwi abo amjabulisa yena nabantu bakhe, wenza kanjalo; uJashubi inkosi yaseTafenaki wathumela kuwo onke amakhosi ama-Amori ayezungeza iShekemi neTafenaki, wathi:
48 Khuphuka nami ungisize, sizomshaya uJakobe umHebheru kanye nawo wonke amadodana akhe, sibabhubhise emhlabeni, ngokuba wenza kanjalo emzini waseShekemi, futhi anazi yini ngakho?
49 Onke amakhosi ama-Amori ezwa ububi amadodana kaJakobe ayebenze emzini waseShekemi, ashaqeka kakhulu ngabo.
50 Amakhosi ayisikhombisa ama-Amori abuthana nawo wonke amabutho awo, amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane eziyishumi aphethe izinkemba, eza ukulwa namadodana kaJakobe; uJakobe wezwa ukuthi amakhosi ama-Amori ahlangene ukulwa namadodana akhe, uJakobe wesaba kakhulu, kwamkhathaza.
51 UJakobe wamemeza ngoSimeyoni noLevi, wathi: "Yini le nto eniyenzile? Kungani ningihlukumezile, ningilethela bonke abantwana baseKhanani, bangibhubhise mina nomndeni wami? Ngoba bengiphumulile, mina nomndeni wami, ningenzele lokhu, nangicasula izakhamuzi zezwe ngezenzo zenu."
52 UJuda waphendula uyise, wathi: "Abafowethu uSimeyoni noLevi babulale bonke abakhileyo eShekemi ngeze na? Ngokuqinisekile kwakungenxa yokuthi uShekemi wayethobisile udadewethu, weqa umyalo kaNkulunkulu wethu kuNowa nakubantwana bakhe, ngoba uShekemi wathatha udadewethu ngenkani, waphinga naye."
53 UShekemi wenza konke lokhu okubi, akwabakho noyedwa kwabakhileyo bomuzi wakhe owamphazamisa, ethi: "Ukwenzelani lokhu na?" Ngokuqinisekile ngenxa yalokhu abafowethu baya bawunqoba umuzi, uJehova wawunikela ezandleni zabo, ngoba abakhileyo kuwo babephule imiyalo kaNkulunkulu wethu. Pho, benze konke lokhu ngeze yini?"
54 Manje kungani wesaba noma ukhathazekile, futhi kungani uthukuthele ngabafowethu, futhi kungani intukuthelo yakho ivutha kubo?
55 Impela uNkulunkulu wethu owanikela esandleni sabo umuzi waseShekemi nabantu bawo, uzonikela esandleni sethu wonke amakhosi aseKhanani ahlaselayo, futhi sizokwenza kubo njengoba nje abafowethu benza kuShekemi.
56 Manje thula ngazo futhi ulahle ukwesaba kwakho, kodwa thembela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu, futhi uthandaze kuye ukuba asisize futhi asikhulule, futhi anikele izitha zethu ezandleni zethu.
57 UJuda wabiza enye yezinceku zikayise, wathi: "Hamba manje, ubone ukuthi lawo makhosi ahlasela thina, akuphi namabutho awo."
58 Inceku yahamba yabheka kude, yakhuphukela ngaphesheya kweNtaba iSihoni, yabona wonke amakamu amakhosi emi endle, yabuyela kwaJuda yathi: "Bhekani amakhosi ami endle nawo wonke amakamu awo, abantu abaningi kakhulu, njengesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle."
59 UJuda wathi kuSimeyoni noLevi nakubafowabo bonke: "Qinani nibe ngamadodana anamandla, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu unathi, ningabesabi."
60 Yilowo nalowo makame, ehlomile ngezikhali zakhe zempi, umnsalo wakhe nenkemba yakhe, sizohamba siyolwa nalaba bantu abangasokile; uJehova unguNkulunkulu wethu, uzosisindisa.
61 Basukuma, bahloma, kwaba yilowo nalowo izikhali zakhe zempi, abakhulu nabancane, amadodana kaJakobe ayishumi nanye, nazo zonke izinceku zikaJakobe.
62 Zonke izinceku zika-Isaka ezazino-Isaka eHebroni, zeza kubo zonke zihlomile ngezikhali zempi, futhi amadodana kaJakobe nezinceku zawo, amadoda ayikhulu neshumi nambili, aya kulawo makhosi, noJakobe naye wahamba nawo.
63 Amadodana kaJakobe athumela kuyise u-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama eHebroni, okuyiKireyati-Arba, athi:
64 Sicela usinxusele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuba isivikele ezandleni zamaKhanani asihlaselayo, futhi iwanikele ezandleni zethu.
65 U-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama wathandazela amadodana akhe eNkosini, wathi, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, wathembisa ubaba, wathi: "Ngiyokwandisa inzalo yakho njengezinkanyezi zezulu, futhi wangithembisa, futhi uqinise izwi lakho, njengoba amakhosi aseKhanani ehlangana ndawonye, ukuze alwe nabantwana bami ngoba awenzanga ubudlova."
66 Ngakho-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu womhlaba wonke, guqula, ngiyakuncenga, icebo lala makhosi ukuze angalwi namadodana ami.
67 Futhi ngithinte izinhliziyo zala makhosi nabantu bawo ngokwesaba amadodana ami futhi ngehlise ukuziqhenya kwawo, futhi ukuze afulathele amadodana ami.

68 Futhi ngesandla sakho esinamandla nangengalo yakho eyeluliweyo khulula amadodana ami nezinceku zabo kubo, ngoba amandla namandla kusezandleni zakho ukwenza konke lokhu.
69 Amadodana kaJakobe nezinceku zawo aya kulawo makhosi, athembela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wawo, kwathi ngesikhathi ehamba, uJakobe uyise naye wathandaza eNkosini wathi, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu onamandla nophakanyisiweyo, obuse kusukela ezinsukwini zakudala, kusukela lapho kuze kube manje naphakade;
70 Nguwe ovusa izimpi futhi uziqede, esandleni sakho kukhona amandla namandla okuphakamisa nokuwisa; O, sengathi umthandazo wami ungamukeleka phambi kwakho ukuba uphendukele kimi ngesihe sakho, ukuze uthinte izinhliziyo zala makhosi nabantu bawo ngokwesaba amadodana ami, futhi ubasabise kanye namakamu abo, futhi ngomusa wakho omkhulu ukhulule bonke abathembela kuwe, ngoba nguwe ongaletha abantu ngaphansi kwethu futhi unciphise izizwe ngaphansi kwamandla ethu.

ISAHLUKO 35

1 Onke amakhosi ama-Amori afika, ema endle ukuze abonisane nabeluleki bawo ngalokho okwakuzokwenziwa ngamadodana kaJakobe, ngoba babesaba, bethi: "Bhekani, ababili babo babulale wonke umuzi waseShekemi."
2 UJehova wayizwa imithandazo ka-Isaka noJakobe, wagcwalisa izinhliziyo zabo bonke abeluleki bamakhosi ngokwesaba okukhulu nokwesaba okukhulu kangangokuthi bamemeza ngazwi linye bathi:
3 Ingabe uyisiwula namuhla, noma akukho ukuqonda kuwe ukuthi uzolwa namaHebheru, futhi kungani uzojabula ngokubhujiswa kwakho namuhla?
4 Bheka ababili babo bafika emzini waseShekemi bengesabi noma bengesabi, babulala bonke abakhileyo emzini, kangangokuthi akukho muntu owamelana nabo, futhi nizokwazi kanjani ukulwa nabo bonke?
5 Impela niyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wabo uyabathanda kakhulu, futhi ubenzele izinto ezinkulu, ezingakaze zenziwe kusukela ezinsukwini zasendulo, futhi phakathi kwabo bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe, akekho ongenza njengezenzo zakhe zamandla.
6 Ngokuqinisekile wakhulula uyise u-Abrahama, umHebheru, esandleni sikaNimrode, nasesandleni sabo bonke abantu bakhe ababefuna ukumbulala izikhathi eziningi.
7 Wamsindisa nasemliloni inkosi uNimrodi eyayimphonse kuwo, uNkulunkulu wakhe wamsindisa kuwo.
8 Futhi ubani omunye ongenza okufanayo? Ngokuqinisekile kwakungu-Abrahama owabulala amakhosi amahlanu ase-Elamu, lapho esethinte indodana yomfowabo owayehlala eSodoma ngalezo zinsuku.
9 Wathatha inceku yakhe eyayithembekile endlini yakhe kanye nabantu abambalwa bakhe, baxosha amakhosi ase-Elamu ngobusuku obubodwa bawabulala, babuyisela yonke impahla yakhe endodaneni yomfowabo ababeyithathile kuye.
10 Futhi ngokuqinisekile uyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu walaba baHebheru ujabule kakhulu ngabo, futhi nabo bayajabula ngaye, ngoba bayazi ukuthi wabakhulula kuzo zonke izitha zabo.
11 Futhi bheka ngothando lwakhe kuNkulunkulu wakhe, u-Abrahama wathatha indodana yakhe okuwukuphela kwayo neyigugu futhi wayehlose ukuyinikela njengomnikelo wokushiswa kuNkulunkulu wakhe, futhi ukube bekungengenxa kaNkulunkulu owamvimbela ukwenza lokhu, ngabe wakwenza ngothando lwakhe kuNkulunkulu wakhe.
12 UNkulunkulu wabona yonke imisebenzi yakhe, wafunga kuye, wamthembisa ukuthi uzokhulula amadodana akhe nayo yonke inzalo yakhe kuzo zonke izinhlupheko ezazizobehlela, ngoba wayenze lokhu, futhi ngothando lwakhe kuNkulunkulu wakhe wanciphisa ububele bakhe ngomntwana wakhe.
13 Awuzwanga yini ukuthi uNkulunkulu wabo wenzani kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe naku-Abimeleki inkosi yaseGerari, ngokuthatha umka-Abrahama, owathi ngaye: "Ungudadewethu," funa bambulale ngenxa yakhe, bacabange ukumthatha abe ngumkakhe, na?" UNkulunkulu wenza kubo nakubantu babo konke enikuzwile.
14 Futhi bheka, thina ngokwethu sabona ngamehlo ethu ukuthi u-Esawu, umfowabo kaJakobe, weza kuye namadoda angamakhulu amane, ngenhloso yokumbulala, ngoba wakhumbula ukuthi wayethathe isibusiso sikayise kuye.
15 Wahamba ukumhlangabeza ebuya eSiriya ukuyobulala unina nabantwana, futhi ngubani owamsindisa esandleni sakhe ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wakhe ayemethemba? Wamsindisa esandleni somfowabo kanye nasezandleni zezitha zakhe, futhi ngokuqinisekile uzobavikela futhi.
16 Ngubani ongazi ukuthi nguNkulunkulu wabo owabanika amandla okwenza ububi enibuzwile emzini waseShekemi?
17 Ingabe kungenzeka ngamandla abo ukuthi amadoda amabili angabhubhisa umuzi omkhulu kangaka njengoShekemi ukube bekungengenxa kaNkulunkulu wawo ayethembele kuye? Washo futhi wakwenza konke lokhu kubo ukuze abulale izakhamuzi zomuzi emzini wazo.
18 Futhi ungabehlula yini labo abaphume ndawonye edolobheni lakini ukuzolwa nabo bonke, noma ngabe abanye abaningi ngokuphindwe kayinkulungwane bangakulekelela?
19 Ngokuqinisekile niyazi futhi niyaqonda ukuthi anizi ukuzolwa nabo, kodwa niza ukulwa noNkulunkulu wabo owabakhetha, ngakho-ke nonke nize namuhla ukuzobhujiswa.
20 Ngakho-ke gwemani kulobu bubi enizama ukubenza phezu kwenu, kungcono ningalwi nabo, yize bembalwa ngenani, ngoba uNkulunkulu wabo unabo.
21 Kwathi lapho amakhosi ama-Amori ezwa wonke amazwi abeluleki bawo, izinhliziyo zawo zagcwala ukwesaba, esaba amadodana kaJakobe, awazange alwe nawo.
22 Base belalela amazwi abeluleki babo, balalela wonke amazwi abo; amazwi abeluleki aba mahle kakhulu emakhosini, enza kanjalo.
23 Amakhosi aphenduka azibamba amadodana kaJakobe, ngoba awazange alokothe asondele kuwo ukuze alwe nawo, ngoba ayewesaba kakhulu, futhi izinhliziyo zawo

zancibilika ngaphakathi kwawo ngenxa yokuwesaba kwawo.
24 Ngoba lokhu kwavela kuJehova kubo, ngoba wezwa imithandazo yezinceku zakhe u-Isaka noJakobe, ngoba babethembele kuye; futhi wonke la makhosi abuyela namakamu awo ngalolo suku, yilowo nalowo emzini wakubo, futhi awazange alwe namadodana kaJakobe ngaleso sikhathi.
25 Amadodana kaJakobe ahlala ngalolo suku kwaze kwaba kusihlwa maqondana nentaba kaSihoni, ebona ukuthi la makhosi awazange eze ukulwa nawo, amadodana kaJakobe abuyela emakhaya awo.

ISAHLUKO 36

1 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wabonakala kuJakobe, wathi: "Suka uye eBethele, uhlale khona, wakhe khona i-altare likaJehova obonakele kuwe, owakusindisa wena namadodana akho ekuhluphekeni."
2 UJakobe wasuka namadodana akhe nakho konke okwakungokwakhe, bahamba, bafika eBethele, njengezwi likaJehova.
3 UJakobe wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalolunye lapho ekhuphukela eBethele, uJakobe namadodana akhe nabo bonke abantu ababenaye bahlala eBethele eLuze, wamakhela khona i-altare uJehova owabonakala kuye; uJakobe namadodana akhe bahlala eBethele izinyanga eziyisithupha.
4 Ngaleso sikhathi wafa uDebora indodakazi ka-Uzi, umzanyana kaRebeka, owayenoJakobe; uJakobe wammbela phansi kweBethele phansi kwesihlahla som-oki esasilapho.
5 URebeka indodakazi kaBethuweli, unina kaJakobe, naye wafela eHebroni ngaleso sikhathi, okuyiKireyati-Arba, wembelwa emhumeni waseMakaphela, u-Abrahama awuthenga kubantwana bakwaHeti.
6 Ukuphila kukaRebeka kwaba yiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu nantathu, wafa. Lapho uJakobe ezwa ukuthi unina uRebeka ufile, wakhala kabuhlungu ngonina, wamlilela noDebora umzanyana wakhe phansi kwe-oki; waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi i-Aloni-bakuthi.
7 ULabani umSiriya wafa ngalezo zinsuku, ngokuba uNkulunkulu wamshaya ngoba weqa isivumelwano esasikhona phakathi kwakhe noJakobe.
8 UJakobe wayeneminyaka eyikhulu ubudala lapho uJehova ebonakala kuye, wambusisa, waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-Israyeli; uRaheli umkaJakobe wakhulelwa ngalezo zinsuku.
9 Ngaleso sikhathi uJakobe nabo bonke abakhe basuka eBethele, baya endlini kayise, eHebroni.
10 Kwathi besahamba, kusese yibangana nje ukuba bafike e-Efrathi, uRaheli wazala indodana, wabeletha kanzima, wafa.
11 UJakobe wamngcwaba endleleni eya e-Efrati, okuyiBetlehema, wamisa insika ethuneni lakhe, ekhona lapho nanamuhla; izinsuku zikaRaheli zaziyiminyaka engamashumi amane nanhlanu, wafa.
12 UJakobe waqamba igama lendodana yakhe ayizalelwayo, uRaheli amzalela yona, ngokuthi uBenjamini, ngokuba wazalelwa yona ezweni elingakwesokunene.
13 Kwathi ngemva kokufa kukaRaheli, uJakobe wamisa itende lakhe etendeni lencekukazi yakhe uBiliha.
14 URubeni waba nomhawu ngonina uLeya ngenxa yalokhu, wagcwala intukuthelo, wasukuma ethukuthele, wangena etendeni likaBiliha, wasusa umbhede kayise lapho.
15 Ngaleso sikhathi isabelo sobuzibulo, kanye nezikhundla zobukhosi nezobupristi, sasuswa emadodaneni kaRubeni, ngoba wayengcolisile umbhede kayise, futhi ilungelo lobuzibulo lanikwa uJosefa, isikhundla sobukhosi kuJuda, nobupristi kuLevi, ngoba uRubeni wayengcolisile umbhede kayise.
16 Lezi ziyizizukulwane zikaJakobe azalelwa zona ePhadani-aramu; amadodana kaJakobe ayeyishumi nambili.
17 Amadodana kaLeya kwakunguRubeni izibulo, noSimeyoni, noLevi, noJuda, no-Isakare, noZebuloni, noDina udadewabo; amadodana kaRaheli kwakunguJosefa noBenjamini.
18 Amadodana kaZilipa, incekukazi kaLeya, kwakunguGadi no-Asheri; amadodana kaBiliha, incekukazi kaRaheli, kwakunguDani noNafetali; lawo ngamadodana kaJakobe azalelwa wona ePhadani Aramu.
19 UJakobe namadodana akhe nabo bonke ababenaye basuka, bafika eMamre, okuyiKireyati-Arba, eseHebroni, lapho u-Abrahama no-Isaka babegogobele khona, uJakobe namadodana akhe nabo bonke ababenaye bahlala noyise eHebroni.
20 U-Esawu umfowabo namadodana akhe nabo bonke ababenaye baya ezweni laseSeyiri, bahlala khona, baba nefa ezweni laseSeyiri; abantwana baka-Esawu bazala, banda kakhulu ezweni laseSeyiri.
21 Lezi ziyizizukulwane zika-Esawu azalelwa zona ezweni laseKhanani; amadodana ka-Esawu ayeyisihlanu.
22 U-Ada wazala u-Esawu izibulo lakhe u-Elifazi, naye wamzalela uRehuweli; u-Ahilibama wamzalela uJewushi, noJalamu, noKora.
23 Laba bangabantwana baka-Esawu azalelwa bona ezweni laseKhanani; amadodana ka-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu kwakunguThemani, no-Omari, noSefo, noGathamu, noKenazi, no-Amaleki; amadodana kaRehuweli kwakunguNakati, noZera, noShama, noMiza.
24 Amadodana kaJewushi kwakunguThimna, u-Aliva, uJetheti; amadodana kaJalamu kwakungu-Ala, uFinori noKenazi.
25 Amadodana kaKora kwakunguThemani, uMibisari, uMagidiyeli no-Eramu; lezi ziyimindeni yamadodana ka-Esawu ngokwezikhulu zawo ezweni laseSeyiri.
26 Lawa angamagama amadodana kaSeyiri umHori, abakhileyo ezweni laseSeyiri: uLothani, noShobali, noSibeyoni, no-Ana, noDishani, no-Ezeri, noDishoni, amadodana ayisikhombisa.
27 Amadodana kaLothani kwakunguHori, noHemani, nodadewabo uThimna, okungukuthi uThimna, abafika kuJakobe namadodana akhe, kepha abamlalelanga; wahamba waba isancinza sika-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu, wamzalela u-Amaleki.
28 Amadodana kaShobali kwakungu-Alvani, uManahati, u-Ebali, uShefo, no-Onamu, amadodana kaZibeyoni kwakungu-Aya no-Ana, lona kwakunguye u-Ana owathola amaJemi ehlane lapho elusa izimbongolo zikaZibeyoni uyise.

29 Ngesikhathi elusa izimbongolo zikayise wazihola waziyisa ehlane ngezikhathi ezahlukene ukuze azinakekele.
30 Kwathi ngelinye ilanga wabayisa kwelinye lamahlane ogwini lolwandle, maqondana nehlane labantu, kwathi ebapha ukudla, bheka, kwavela isiphepho esikhulu kakhulu sivela ngaphesheya kolwandle, sahlala phezu kwezimbongolo ezazidla lapho, zonke zama.
31 Ngemva kwalokho kwaphuma izilwane ezinkulu nezesabekayo ezingaba yikhulu namashumi amabili zivela ehlane ngaphesheya kolwandle, zonke zafika endaweni lapho kwakukhona khona izimbongolo, zahlala lapho.
32 Lezo zilwane, kusukela phakathi kwazo kuya phansi, zazifana nabantwana babantu, futhi kusukela phakathi kwazo kuya phezulu, ezinye zazifana namabhere, kanti ezinye zazifana nama-keephas, zinemisila ngemuva kwazo isuka phakathi kwamahlombe azo ifinyelela phansi emhlabeni, njengemisila ye-ducheefat, futhi lezi zilwane zafika zagibela zagibela lezi zimbongolo, zazihola, zahamba kuze kube namuhla.
33 Esinye salezi zilwane sasondela ku-Ana samshaya ngomsila, sabe sesibaleka kuleyo ndawo.
34 Kwathi lapho ebona lo msebenzi wesaba kakhulu impilo yakhe, wabaleka wabalekela edolobheni.
35 Watshela amadodana akhe nabafowabo konke okwamehlela, amadoda amaningi aya ukuyofuna izimbongolo, kodwa awazitholanga, u-Ana nabafowabo ababange besaya kuleyo ndawo kusukela ngalolo suku olulandelayo, ngoba babesaba kakhulu ukuphila kwabo.
36 Amadodana ka-Ana indodana kaSeyiri kwakunguDishoni nodadewabo u-Ahilibama, amadodana kaDishoni kwakunguHemdani, no-Eshibani, no-Ithirani, noKerani, amadodana ka-Ezeri kwakunguBilihani, noZavani, no-Akani, amadodana kaDishoni kwakungu-Use no-Arani.
37 Lezi ziyimindeni yabantwana bakaSeyiri, umHori, ngezikhulu zabo ezweni laseSeyiri.
38 U-Esawu nabantwana bakhe bahlala ezweni laseSeyiri umHori, owakhile kulelo zwe; baba nefa kulo, bazala, banda kakhulu; uJakobe nabantwana bakhe nabo bonke ababakhe bahlala noyise u-Isaka ezweni laseKhanani, njengalokho uJehova ayemyalile u-Abrahama uyise.

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1 Kwathi ngonyaka wekhulu nanhlanu wokuphila kukaJakobe, okungumnyaka wesishiyagalolunye wokuhlala kukaJakobe nabantwana bakhe ezweni laseKhanani, wafika evela ePhadani-aramu.
2 Ngalezo zinsuku uJakobe wasuka eHebroni namadodana akhe, bahamba babuyela emzini waseShekemi, bona nabo bonke ababakhe, bahlala khona, ngokuba abantwana bakaJakobe bathola amadlelo amahle nacebileyo ezinkomo zabo emzini waseShekemi, umuzi waseShekemi owawakhiwe kabusha ngaleso sikhathi, futhi kwakukhona kuwo amadoda nabesifazane abangaba ngamakhulu amathathu.
3 UJakobe nabantwana bakhe nabo bonke ababenaye bahlala engxenyeni yensimu uJakobe ayithenga kuHamori uyise kaShekemi, ekufikeni kwakhe evela ePhadani-aramu, uSimeyoni noLevi bengakawunqobi umuzi.
4 Wonke amakhosi amaKhanani nama-Amori ayezungeze umuzi waseShekemi ezwa ukuthi amadodana kaJakobe abuyele eShekemi futhi ahlala khona.
5 Bathi: “Ingabe amadodana kaJakobe umHebheru azophinde afike emzini ahlale kuwo, esebabulele abakhileyo kuwo, abaxoshile? Manje sebebuyile, baxoshe abahlala emzini, noma bababulale?”
6 Onke amakhosi aseKhanani abuthana futhi, ahlangana ndawonye ukulwa noJakobe namadodana akhe.
7 UJashubi inkosi yaseTapinaki wathumela futhi kuwo wonke amakhosi angomakhelwane bakhe, ku-Elani inkosi yaseGahashi, naku-Ihuri inkosi yaseShilo, naku-Parathoni inkosi yaseHasari, nakuSusi inkosi yaseSarton, nakuLabani inkosi yaseBeti Khorani, nakuShabiri inkosi yase-Othinayima, wathi:
8 Wozani kimi ningisize, masibulale uJakobe umHebheru namadodana akhe nabo bonke abakhe, ngokuba sebebuyile eShekemi ukuyolidla, babulale izakhamuzi zalo njengakuqala.
9 Onke lawo makhosi abuthana, eza nawo wonke amakamu awo, abantu abaningi njengesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle, bonke bephambi kweTapenaki.
10 UJashubi inkosi yaseTafenaki waphuma waya kubo kanye nempi yakhe yonke, wamisa nabo phambi kweTafenaki ngaphandle komuzi; bonke laba makhosi bawahlukanisa baba yizigaba eziyisikhombisa, kwaba yizinkambu eziyisikhombisa zilwa namadodana kaJakobe.
11 Bathumela isimemezelo kuJakobe nendodana yakhe, bathi: “Wozani nonke nize kithi ukuze sixoxe ndawonye ethafeni, siphindisele udaba lwabantu baseShekemi enababulala emzini wabo, nibuyele emzini waseShekemi, nihlale kuwo, nibulale abantu bawo njengakuqala.”
12 Amadodana kaJakobe ezwa lokhu, intukuthelo yawo yavutha kakhulu ngamazwi amakhosi aseKhanani, amadodana kaJakobe ayishumi ashesha asukuma, yilowo nalowo wabhinca izikhali zakhe zempi; kwakukhona izinceku zawo eziyikhulu nambili kanye nawo zihlomile zihlelekile.
13 Bonke laba bantu, amadodana kaJakobe nezinceku zawo, baya kulawo makhosi, noJakobe uyise wayenawo, bonke bema enqwabeni yaseShekemi.
14 UJakobe wathandazela amadodana akhe eNkosini, welula izandla zakhe eNkosini, wathi, O Nkulunkulu, unguNkulunkulu uSomandla, ungubaba wethu, wasidala futhi thina siyimisebenzi yezandla zakho; ngicela ukhulule amadodana ami ngomusa wakho esandleni sezitha zabo, eziza namuhla ukuzolwa nabo futhi ubasindise esandleni sabo, ngoba esandleni sakho kukhona amandla namandla, ukusindisa abambalwa kwabaningi.
15 Futhi unike amadodana ami, izinceku zakho, amandla enhliziyo namandla okulwa nezitha zabo, ukuze ubanqobe, futhi wenze izitha zabo ziwe phambi kwabo, futhi ungavumeli amadodana ami nezinceku zabo bafe ngezandla zabantwana baseKhanani.
16 Kodwa uma kukuhle emehlweni akho ukususa ukuphila kwamadodana ami nezinceku zawo, bathathe ngomusa wakho omkhulu ngezandla zezinceku zakho, ukuze bangabhubhi namuhla ngezandla zamakhosi ama-Amori.
17 Kwathi uJakobe eseqedile ukukhuleka kuJehova, umhlaba wazamazama endaweni yawo, nelanga laba

mnyama, nawo wonke la makhosi esaba, kwathi ukushaqeka okukhulu kwawabamba.
18 UJehova wayizwa imithandazo kaJakobe, futhi uJehova wathinta izinhliziyo zamakhosi onke namabutho awo ngokwesaba nokwesaba kwamadodana kaJakobe.
19 Ngoba uJehova wabazwisa umsindo wezinqola, nezwi lamahhashi anamandla avela emadodaneni kaJakobe, nezwi lempi enkulu ehambisana nabo.
20 Lawa makhosi ashaywa luvalo olukhulu ngamadodana kaJakobe, kwathi esami ezindaweni zawo, bheka, amadodana kaJakobe asondela kuwo, enamadoda ayikhulu neshumi nambili, ngokumemeza okukhulu nokukhulu.
21 Kwathi lapho amakhosi ebona amadodana kaJakobe esondela kuwo, aqala ukwethuka kakhulu, athambekela ekubalekeleni amadodana kaJakobe njengakuqala, angalwi nawo.
22 Kodwa abazange bahlehle, bathi: “Kungaba yihlazo kithina ukubaleka phambi kwamaHebheru kabili.”
23 Amadodana kaJakobe asondela ahlasela wonke la makhosi namabutho awo, abona, futhi bheka, kwakungabantu abanamandla kakhulu, abaningi njengesihlabathi solwandle.
24 Amadodana kaJakobe amemeza kuJehova, athi: “Sisize, Jehova, usisize, usiphendule, ngokuba sithembele kuwe, masingafi ngezandla zalaba bantu abangasokile, abasihlasele namuhla.”
25 Amadodana kaJakobe abhinca izikhali zawo zempi, yilowo nalowo waphatha isihlangu sakhe nomkhonto wakhe ngezandla, asondela empini.
26 UJuda, indodana kaJakobe, wagijima kuqala phambi kwabafowabo, kanye nezinceku zakhe eziyishumi ezazinaye, waya kulawo makhosi.
27 UJashubi, inkosi yaseTafenaki, naye waphuma kuqala nebutho lakhe phambi kukaJuda, uJuda wabona uJashubi nebutho lakhe beza kuye, ulaka lukaJuda lwavutha, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha ngaphakathi kuye, wasondela empini lapho uJuda azibeka khona engozini yokuphila kwakhe.
28 UJashubi nebutho lakhe lonke babesondela kwaJuda, egibele ihhashi elinamandla kakhulu nelinamandla, uJashubi wayeyindoda enamandla kakhulu, egcwele insimbi nethusi kusukela ekhanda kuya ezinyaweni.
29 Ngesikhathi esegibele ihhashi, wayedubula imicibisholo ngezandla zombili ngaphambili nangemuva, njengoba kwakunjalo kuzo zonke izimpi zakhe, futhi akazange aphuthelwe yindawo lapho ayeqondisa khona imicibisholo yakhe.
30 Kwathi lapho uJashubi efika ukulwa noJuda, ephonsa imicibisholo emininingi kuJuda, uJehova wabopha isandla sikaJashubi, yonke imicibisholo ayicibishelayo yabuyela emadodeni akhe.
31 Naphezu kwalokhu, uJashubi waqhubeka esondela kuJuda, ukuze amlwise ngemicibisholo, kodwa ibanga eliphakathi kwabo lalicishe libe yizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu, kwathi lapho uJuda ebona uJashubi ephonsa imicibisholo yakhe kuye, wagijimela kuye ngamandla akhe avuthayo.
32 UJuda wathatha itshe elikhulu emhlabathini, isisindo salo sasingamashekeli angamashumi ayisithupha, uJuda wagijimela kuJashubi, itshe lamshaya esihlangwini sakhe, uJashubi wamangala ngokushaya, wawa ehhashini lakhe wawela phansi.
33 Isihlangu saqhekeka esandleni sikaJashubi, kwathi ngamandla okushaywa sadlula ibanga elingaba yizingalo eziyishumi nanhlanu, isihlangu sawa phambi kwekamu lesibili.
34 Amakhosi ayeza noJashubi abona kude amandla kaJuda, indodana kaJakobe, nalokho ayekwenzile kuJashubi, esaba kakhulu uJuda.
35 Bahlangana eduze kwekamu likaJashubi, bebona ukudideka kwakhe, uJuda wahosha inkemba yakhe, wabulala amadoda angamashumi amane nambili ekamu likaJashubi, lonke ikamu likaJashubi labaleka phambi kukaJuda, akwabakho muntu owamelana naye; bamshiya uJashubi, bambalekela, uJashubi wayesalele phansi.
36 UJashubi esebona ukuthi bonke abantu bekamu lakhe babaleka kuye, washesha wasukuma ngokwesaba uJuda, wema ngezinyawo zakhe malungana noJuda.
37 UJashubi walwa noJuda kanye, wabeka isihlangu esivalweni, amadoda kaJashubi abaleka, ngokuba ayesaba kakhulu uJuda.
38 UJashubi wathatha umkhonto wakhe ngesandla ukuze amshaye ekhanda uJuda, kodwa uJuda washesha wabeka isihlangu sakhe ekhanda lakhe emkhontweni kaJashubi, kangangokuthi isihlangu sikaJuda sashaywa ngumkhonto kaJashubi, nesihlangu saqhekeka.
39 Lapho uJuda ebona ukuthi isihlangu sakhe sidabukile, washesha wahosha inkemba yakhe, wamshaya uJashubi emaqakaleni akhe, wamnquma izinyawo, uJashubi wawela phansi, umkhonto wawa esandleni sakhe.
40 UJuda washesha wathatha umkhonto kaJashubi, wanquma ikhanda lakhe ngawo, wawuphonsa ngasezinyaweni zakhe.
41 Kwathi amadodana kaJakobe esebonile lokho uJuda ayekwenzile kuJashubi, agijimela ezinhlwini zamakhosi amanye, amadodana kaJakobe alwa nempi kaJashubi kanye namabutho awo wonke amakhosi ayelapho.
42 Amadodana kaJakobe abulala amadoda ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nanhlanu, ababulala sengathi bashaya amabele, abanye babaleka ukuze basindise ukuphila kwabo.
43 UJuda wayesemi eduze kwesidumbu sikaJashubi, wakhumula uJashubi ingubo yakhe yensimbi.
44 UJuda naye wasusa insimbi nethusi okwakuseduze noJashubi, kwafika amadoda ayisishiyagalolunye ezinduna zikaJashubi ukuzolwa noJuda.
45 UJuda washesha wathatha itshe emhlabathini, walishaya ekhanda lomunye wabo, ukhakhayi lwakhe lwaphuka, nesidumbu sawela phansi ehhashini.
46 Izinduna eziyisishiyagalombili ezazisele zibona amandla kaJuda, zesaba kakhulu, zabaleka; uJuda namadoda akhe ayishumi babaxosha, babafica, bababulala.
47 Amadodana kaJakobe ayesawabulala amabutho amakhosi, futhi abulala amaningi awo, kodwa lawo makhosi aqhubeka nokuma ngesibindi nezinduna zawo, futhi awazange asuke ezindaweni zawo, futhi amemeza ngokumelene nalawo amabutho awo abalekela amadodana kaJakobe, kodwa akekho owabalalela, ngoba babesaba izimpilo zabo funa bafe.
48 Bonke abantwana bakaJakobe, ngemva kokunqoba amabutho amakhosi, babuya beza phambi kukaJuda, uJuda

wayesabulala izinduna eziyisishiyagalombili zikaJashubi, futhi ekhumula izingubo zazo.
49 ULevi wabona u-Eloni, inkosi yaseGahashi, esondela kuye, kanye nezinduna zakhe eziyishumi nane ukuze bambulale, kodwa uLevi wayengazi ngokuqinisekile.
50 U-Eloni nezinduna zakhe basondela, uLevi wabheka emuva wabona ukuthi impi yayimphethe ngemuva, uLevi wagijima nezinceku zakhe eziyishumi nambili, bahamba babulala u-Eloni nezinduna zakhe ngosiko lwenkemba.

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1 U-Ihuri inkosi yaseShilo wenyuka ukuzosiza u-Eloni, wasondela kuJakobe, lapho uJakobe edonsa umnsalo wakhe owawusesandleni sakhe, washaya u-Ihuri ngomcibisholo owabangela ukufa kwakhe.
2 Kwathi lapho inkosi yaseShilo u-Ihuri isifile, amakhosi amane asele abaleka endaweni yawo kanye nezinye izinduna, futhi azama ukuhlehla, ethi, Asisenawo amandla namaHeberu ngemva kokubulala amakhosi amathathu nezinduna zawo ezazinamandla kunathi.
3 Kwathi lapho amadodana kaJakobe ebona ukuthi amakhosi asele asehambile esikhundleni sawo, awaxosha, noJakobe wafika evela enqwabeni yaseShekemi endaweni lapho ayemi khona, alandela amakhosi, asondela kuwo nezinceku zawo.
4 Amakhosi nezinduna kanye namanye amabutho abo, bebona ukuthi amadodana kaJakobe ayasondela kubo, besaba ukuphila kwabo, babaleka baze bafika emzini waseHazari.
5 Amadodana kaJakobe abaxosha kwaze kwaba sesangweni lomuzi waseHazari, abulala amakhosi namabutho awo ngokubulala okukhulu, cishe amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezine, kwathi ngesikhathi beshaya ibutho lamakhosi, uJakobe wayephethe umnsalo wakhe ezama ukushaya amakhosi, wawabulala wonke.
6 Wabulala uParathon inkosi yaseKhazari esangweni lomuzi waseKhazari, wabe eseshaya uSusi inkosi yaseSarton, noLabani inkosi yaseBeti-chorin, noShabiri inkosi yaseMaknayma, wababulala bonke ngemicibisholo, umcibisholo kubo bonke, bafa.
7 Amadodana kaJakobe ebona ukuthi wonke amakhosi afile nokuthi ayesehlakazekile futhi ebuyela emuva, aqhubeka nokulwa namabutho amakhosi ngasesangweni laseHazari, abulala amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amane.
8 Kwawa amadoda amathathu ezinceku zikaJakobe kuleyo mpi; lapho uJuda ebona ukuthi izinceku zakhe ezintathu zifile, kwamdabukisa kakhulu, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha ngaphakathi kwakhe ngama-Amori.
9 Futhi bonke abantu ababesele emabuthweni amakhosi besaba kakhulu izimpilo zabo, bagijima baphula isango lezindonga zomuzi waseHazari, bonke bangena emzini ukuze baphephe.
10 Bacasha phakathi komuzi waseKhasari, ngoba umuzi waseKhasari wawumkhulu kakhulu futhi ubanzi, kwathi lapho wonke la mabutho esengene emzini, amadodana kaJakobe agijimela kuwo aya emzini.
11 Amaqhawe amane, aqeqeshwe empini, aphuma emzini, ema ngasemnyango womuzi, ephethe izinkemba nemikhonto ehoshiweyo ezandleni zawo, azimisa phambi kwamadodana kaJakobe, awavumanga ukuba angene emzini.
12 UNafetali wagijima wafika phakathi kwabo, wabulala ababili ngenkemba yakhe, wabanquma amakhanda kanye.
13 Waphendukela kwabanye ababili, bheka base bebalekile, wabaxosha, wabafica, wabashaya wababulala.
14 Amadodana kaJakobe afika emzini abona, futhi bheka kwakukhona olunye udonga oluqondene nomuzi, afuna isango lodonga kodwa akalitholanga, uJuda wagxumela phezulu odongeni, uSimeyoni noLevi bamlandela, futhi bonke bobathathu behla besuka odongeni bangena emzini.
15 USimeyoni noLevi babulala wonke amadoda abalekela emzini ukuze aphephe, kanye nabantu abahlala emzini kanye nabafazi babo nezingane zabo, bababulala ngosiko lwenkemba, futhi ukukhala komuzi kwenyukela ezulwini.
16 UDani noNafetali bagxumela odongeni ukuyobona ukuthi yini ebangela umsindo wokulila, ngoba amadodana kaJakobe ayekhathazekile ngabafowabo, futhi ezwa izakhamuzi zomuzi zikhuluma ngokukhala nangokunxusa, zithi, “Thathani konke esinakho emzini nihambe, kodwa ningasibulali.”
17 Kwathi lapho uJuda, uSimeyoni, noLevi sebeqedile ukubulala izakhamuzi zomuzi, bakhuphukela odongeni, babiza oDani noNafetali, ababesodongeni, kanye nabanye abafowabo, uSimeyoni noLevi babazisa ngokungena komuzi, futhi wonke amadodana kaJakobe afika ukuzolanda impango.
18 Amadodana kaJakobe athatha impango yomuzi waseHazari, izimvu nezinkomo, nempahla, athatha konke okwakungase kuthathwe, asuka emzini ngalolo suku.
19 Ngakusasa amadodana kaJakobe aya eSarton, ngoba ezwile ukuthi amadoda aseSarton ayesesele emzini ayebuthene ukuze alwe nawo ngenxa yokubulala inkosi yawo, futhi iSarton yayiyidolobha eliphakeme kakhulu neliqinisiwe, futhi yayinodonga olujulile oluzungeze umuzi.
20 Insika yodonga yayingamamitha angaba ngamashumi amahlanu ububanzi bayo buyizingalo ezingamashumi amane, futhi kwakungekho ndawo yokuba umuntu angene emzini ngenxa yodonga, futhi amadodana kaJakobe abona udonga lomuzi, afuna indlela yokungena kuwo kodwa awazange aluthole.
21 Ngoba isango lokungena emzini lalingemuva, futhi wonke umuntu owayefisa ukungena emzini wayefika ngaleyo ndlela futhi wazungeza umuzi wonke, futhi kamuva wangena emzini.
22 Amadodana kaJakobe ebona ukuthi awakwazi ukungena emzini, intukuthelo yawo yavutha kakhulu. Abantu bomuzi bebona ukuthi amadodana kaJakobe ayesondela kubo, besaba kakhulu ngabo, ngokuba babezwile ngamandla abo nalokho ababekwenzile kuHasari.
23 Izakhamuzi zomuzi waseSarton azikwazanga ukuphuma ziye emadodaneni kaJakobe ngemva kokuba sezibuthene emzini ukuze zilwe nabo, funa bangene emzini, kodwa lapho bebona ukuthi bayeza bezobhekana nabo, babesaba kakhulu, ngoba babezwile ngamandla abo nalokho ababekwenze kuHazari.
24 Ngakho abantu baseSarton bashesha basusa ibhuloho lomgwaqo womuzi, endaweni yalo, ngaphambi kokuba kufike amadodana kaJakobe, baliletha emzini.
25 Amadodana kaJakobe afika afuna indlela yokungena emzini, kodwa awayitholanga; izakhamuzi zomuzi

zakhuphukela phezulu odongeni, zabona, futhi bheka, amadodana kaJakobe ayefuna indlela yokungena emzini.
26 Izakhamuzi zomuzi zathuka amadodana kaJakobe zisesiqongweni sodonga, zawaqalekisa, amadodana kaJakobe ezwa ukuthukuthela, athukuthela kakhulu, intukuthelo yawo yavutha ngaphakathi kwawo.
27 Amadodana kaJakobe abathukuthelela, asukuma onke agxuma phezu kodonga ngamandla awo, adlula ububanzi obuyizingalo ezingamashumi amane bodonga.
28 Kwathi sebedlule udonga bema ngaphansi kodonga lomuzi, bathola wonke amasango omuzi evalwe ngeminyango yensimbi.
29 Amadodana kaJakobe asondela ukuzophula iminyango yamasango omuzi, kodwa izakhamuzi azizange zibavumele, ngoba babephonsa amatshe nemicibisholo phezu kwawo besuka phezulu odongeni.
30 Inani labantu ababesodongeni lalingabantu abangamakhulu amane, kwathi lapho amadodana kaJakobe ebona ukuthi amadoda omuzi awabavumeli ukuvula amasango omuzi, agxuma akhuphukela phezulu odongeni, uJuda wakhuphukela engxenyeni esempumalanga yomuzi kuqala.
31 UGadi no-Asheri bakhuphuka emva kwakhe baya entshonalanga yomuzi, uSimeyoni noLevi basenyakatho, uDani noRubeni baseningizimu.
32 Kwathi amadoda ayesesiqongweni sodonga, izakhamuzi zomuzi, ebona ukuthi amadodana kaJakobe ayesondela kubo, abaleka wonke odongeni, ehlela emzini, acasha phakathi komuzi.
33 U-Isakare noNafetali ababesele ngaphansi kodonga basondela, baphula amasango omuzi, bashisa umlilo emasangweni omuzi, insimbi yancibilika, bonke abantwana bakaJakobe bangena emzini, bona nabo bonke abantu babo, balwa nabakhileyo emzini waseSarton, bababulala ngosiko lwenkemba, akwabakho muntu owama phambi kwabo.
34 Amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amabili abaleka emzini, ahamba wonke acasha embhoshongweni othile emzini, uJuda wabaxosha waze wafika embhoshongweni, wawubhidliza umbhoshongo owawela phezu kwalawo madoda, afa onke.
35 Amadodana kaJakobe akhuphuka ngomgwaqo ophahleni lwalowo mbhoshongo, abona, bheka, kwakukhona omunye umbhoshongo oqinile nophakeme kude edolobheni, futhi isihloko sawo sasifinyelela ezulwini, amadodana kaJakobe ashesha ehla, aya nawo wonke amadoda awo kulowo mbhoshongo, awuthola ugcwele amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amathathu, abesifazane nezingane.
36 Amadodana kaJakobe ashaya kakhulu lawo madoda ayesembhoshongweni, abaleka, abaleka phambi kwawo.
37 USimeyoni noLevi babaxosha, lapho amadoda ayishumi nambili anamandla nanesibindi ephuma endaweni ababecashe kuyo.
38 Futhi lawo madoda ayishumi nambili alwa impi enamandla noSimeyoni noLevi, uSimeyoni noLevi abakwazanga ukubanqoba, futhi lawo madoda anesibindi aphula izihlangu zikaSimeyoni noLevi, futhi omunye wabo washaya ekhanda likaLevi ngenkemba yakhe, lapho uLevi ebeka isandla sakhe ekhanda lakhe ngokushesha, ngoba wayesaba inkemba, futhi inkemba yashaya isandla sikaLevi, futhi yayingenaso isifiso sokuba uLevi anqunywe.
39 ULevi wathatha inkemba yendoda enamandla esandleni sakhe, wayithatha ngenkani endodeni, wayishaya ngayo ekhanda lendoda enamandla, wayinquma ikhanda.
40 Amadoda ayishumi nanye asondela ukuyolwa noLevi, ngoba abona ukuthi omunye wabo ubulewe, futhi amadodana kaJakobe alwa, kodwa amadodana kaJakobe awakwazanga ukuwanqoba, ngoba lawo madoda ayenamandla kakhulu.
41 Kwathi amadodana kaJakobe ebona ukuthi awakwazi ukubanqoba, uSimeyoni wakhala kakhulu, amadoda ayishumi nanye anamandla ashaqeka ngezwi lokukhala kukaSimeyoni.
42 UJuda wayeselazi kude izwi lokumemeza kukaSimeyoni, uNafetali noJuda bagijimela kuSimeyoni noLevi nezihlangu zabo, babathola belwa nalawo madoda anamandla, bengenakubanqoba njengoba izihlangu zabo zaziphukile.
43 UNafetali esebonile ukuthi izihlangu zikaSimeyoni noLevi ziphukile, wathatha izihlangu ezimbili ezincekwini zakhe, waziletha kuSimeyoni noLevi.
44 USimeyoni, uLevi noJuda balwa bobathathu belwa namadoda anamandla ayishumi nanye kwaze kwaba sekushoneni kwelanga, kodwa abakwazanga ukubanqoba.
45 Kwathiwa lokhu kuJakobe, wadabuka kakhulu, wakhuleka kuJehova, yena nendodana yakhe uNafetali bahamba bayolwa nala madoda anamandla.
46 UJakobe wasondela, wadonsa umnsalo wakhe, wasondela emadodeni anamandla, wabulala amadoda amathathu awo ngomnsalo, kwathi aseleyo ayisishiyagalombili aphenduka emuva, bheka, impi yayilwa nawo ngaphambili nangemuva, futhi besaba kakhulu izimpilo zabo, futhi babengenakukwazi ukumelana namadodana kaJakobe, babaleka phambi kwawo.
47 Kwathi lapho bebaleka bahlangana noDani no-Asheri beza kubo, babahlasela ngokuzumayo, balwa nabo, babulala ababili kubo; uJuda nabafowabo babaxosha, babulala abaseleyo babo, bababulala.
48 Bonke amadodana kaJakobe abuya azulazula edolobheni, efuna ukuthi angathola yini amadoda, futhi athola izinsizwa ezingaba ngamashumi amabili emhumeni edolobheni, uGadi no-Asheri bababulala bonke, kwathi uDani noNafetali bahlasela abanye abantu ababebalekile futhi baphunyuka embhoshongweni wesibili, bababulala bonke.
49 Amadodana kaJakobe abulala bonke abakhileyo emzini waseSarton, kodwa abashiyanga abesifazane nabantwana emzini, abababulalanga.
50 Bonke abakhileyo emzini waseSarton babengamadoda anamandla, oyedwa kubo wayexosha inkulungwane, ababili kubo babengenakubaleka kubantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi abasele.
51 Amadodana kaJakobe abulala bonke abakhileyo emzini waseSarton ngosiko lwenkemba, ukuze kungabikho muntu omelana nabo, futhi ashiya abesifazane emzini.
52 Amadodana kaJakobe athatha yonke impango yomuzi, athumba lokho ayekufisa, athatha imihlambi yezimvu, nezinkomo, nempahla emzini; amadodana kaJakobe enza kuSatoni nakubantu bakhona njengalokho akwenza kuHasari nakubantu bakhona; aphenduka, ahamba.

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1 Kwathi lapho amadodana kaJakobe ephuma emzini waseSarton, esehambe ibanga elingaba yizingalo ezingamakhulu amabili lapho ehlangana nabakhileyo eTapnaki beza kubo, ngoba baphuma ukuyolwa nabo, ngoba babeyinqobile inkosi yaseTapnaki nabo bonke abantu bayo.
2 Ngakho bonke ababesele emzini waseTafenaki baphuma ukuyolwa namadodana kaJakobe, bacabanga ukubuyisa kubo impango nempango ababeyithumbile kwaHazari naseSatoni.
3 Abanye abantu baseTafenaki balwa namadodana kaJakobe kuleyo ndawo, amadodana kaJakobe abanqoba, abaleka phambi kwabo, abaxosha kwaze kwaba sedolobheni lase-Arbelani, bawa bonke phambi kwamadodana kaJakobe.
4 Amadodana kaJakobe abuya, afika eTapinaki ukuyothatha impango yaseTapinaki, kwathi lapho efika eTapinaki ezwa ukuthi abantu base-Arbelani baphumile ukuyobahlangabeza ukuyosindisa impango yabafowabo, amadodana kaJakobe ashiya amadoda ayishumi eTapinaki ukuyophanga umuzi, aphuma aya kubantu base-Arbelani.
5 Amadoda ase-Arbelani aphuma nabafazi bawo ukuyolwa namadodana kaJakobe, ngokuba abafazi bawo babenolwazi lokulwa, baphuma, amadoda nabesifazane abangamakhulu amane.
6 Bonke amadodana kaJakobe bamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, bagijimela kubantu base-Arbelan ngezwi elikhulu nelinamandla.
7 Abakhileyo e-Arbelan bezwa umsindo wokumemeza kwamadodana kaJakobe, nokubhonga kwawo njengomsindo wezingonyama, njengokubhonga kolwandle namaza alo.
8 Ukwesaba nokwesaba kwagcwala izinhliziyo zabo ngenxa yamadodana kaJakobe, baze babesaba kakhulu, babaleka phambi kwabo bangena emzini, amadodana kaJakobe abaxosha kwaze kwaba sesangweni lomuzi, bafika kubo emzini.
9 Amadodana kaJakobe alwa nabo emzini, abesifazane babo bonke balwa belwa namadodana kaJakobe, ukulwa kwaba nzima kakhulu phakathi kwabo lonke lolo suku kwaze kwahlwa.
10 Amadodana kaJakobe awakwazanga ukubanqoba, futhi amadodana kaJakobe ayesecishe abhubha kuleyo mpi, futhi amadodana kaJakobe amemeza eNkosini futhi athola amandla kakhulu kusihlwa, futhi amadodana kaJakobe abulala bonke abakhileyo e-Arbelan ngosiko lwenkemba, amadoda, abesifazane nezingane.
11 Futhi nabanye abantu ababebalekele eSarton, amadodana kaJakobe ababulala e-Arbelani, amadodana kaJakobe enza ku-Arbelani naseTaphanaki njengoba enza kuHazari naseSarton. Lapho abesifazane bebona ukuthi wonke amadoda afile, bakhuphukela ophahleni lomuzi bashaya amadodana kaJakobe ngokuwathela amatshe njengemvula.
12 Amadodana kaJakobe ashesha afika emzini, athumba bonke abesifazane, ababulala ngosiko lwenkemba; amadodana kaJakobe athatha yonke impango nempahla ephangiweyo, imihlambi yezimvu, nezinkomo, nezinkomo.
13 Amadodana kaJakobe enza eMakenayima njengalokho enza eTapenaki, naseHasari, naseShilo; aphenduka lapho, ahamba.
14 Ngosuku lwesihlanu amadodana kaJakobe ezwa ukuthi abantu bakwaGahashi babehlangene ukulwa nabo, ngoba babebulele inkosi yabo nezinduna zabo, ngoba kwakukhona izinduna eziyishumi nane emzini wakwaGahashi, futhi amadodana kaJakobe ayebabulele bonke empini yokuqala.
15 Amadodana kaJakobe abhinca ngalolo suku izikhali zawo zempi, ahamba ayolwa nabakhileyo eGahashi, futhi eGahashi kwakukhona abantu abanamandla nabanamandla babantu bama-Amori, futhi iGahashi kwakuyidolobha eliqinile nelinamandla kunawo wonke amadolobha ama-Amori, futhi lalinodonga oluthathu.
16 Amadodana kaJakobe afika eGahashi athola amasango omuzi evaliwe, futhi amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amahlanu emi phezulu kodonga olungaphandle, nabantu abaningi njengesihlabathi ogwini lolwandle babeqamekele amadodana kaJakobe ngaphandle komuzi ngemuva kwawo.
17 Amadodana kaJakobe asondela ukuvula amasango omuzi, kwathi esesondela, bheka, abantu ababeqamekele ngemuva komuzi baphuma ezindaweni zabo, bazungeza amadodana kaJakobe.
18 Amadodana kaJakobe ayephakathi kwabantu bakwaGahashi, impi yayiphambi kwabo nangemuva kwabo, bonke abantu ababesodongeni babephonsa imicibisholo namatshe bevela odongeni.
19 Lapho uJuda ebona ukuthi amadoda aseGahashi ayebasinda kakhulu, wakhala kakhulu futhi edabukile, futhi wonke amadoda aseGahashi esaba ngezwi lokukhala kukaJuda, futhi amadoda awela odongeni ngokukhala kwakhe okukhulu, nabo bonke ababengaphandle nangaphakathi komuzi besaba kakhulu ngokuphila kwabo.
20 Amadodana kaJakobe ayesesondela ukuphula iminyango yomuzi, lapho amadoda aseGahashi ebajikijela ngamatshe nangemicibisholo evela phezulu odongeni, abaxosha esangweni.
21 Amadodana kaJakobe abuyela emuva kubantu bakwaGahashi ababenabo bevela ngaphandle komuzi, abashaya kakhulu njengokungathi bashaya izithombo, ababengenakukwazi ukumelana namadodana kaJakobe, ngokuba ukwesaba nokwesaba kwakubehlele ngenxa yokukhala kukaJuda.
22 Amadodana kaJakobe abulala wonke amadoda ayengaphandle komuzi, amadodana kaJakobe asondela ukuze angene emzini, alwe ngaphansi kwezindonga zomuzi, kodwa ayengenakukwazi ngoba bonke abakhileyo eGahashi ababesele emzini babezungeze izindonga zaseGahashi nxazonke, kangangokuthi amadodana kaJakobe ayengenakukwazi ukusondela emzini ukuze alwe nabo.
23 Kwathi amadodana kaJakobe esondela ekhoneni elilodwa ukuyolwa ngaphansi kodonga, izakhamuzi zaseGahashi zaphonsa imicibisholo namatshe phezu kwazo njengemvula yemvula, zabaleka ngaphansi kodonga.
24 Abantu baseGahashi ababesodongeni, bebona ukuthi amadodana kaJakobe ayengenakubanqoba ngaphansi kodonga, bathuka amadodana kaJakobe ngala mazwi, bathi:
25 Kuyini lokhu okukuhluphayo empini ongeke ukwazi ukukunqoba? Ungawenza yini umuzi onamandla

waseGahashi nabakhileyo kuwo njengoba wenza emizini yama-Amori eyayingenamandla kangako? Ngokuqinisekile labo ababuthakathaka phakathi kwethu wabenza lezo zinto, wababulala emnyango womuzi, ngoba babengenamandla lapho besaba kakhulu ngezwi lokumemeza kwakho.
26 Manje-ke nizokwazi yini ukulwa kule ndawo? Ngokuqinisekile nizofela lapha nonke, futhi sizoziphindiselela ngenxa yaleyo mizi eniyichithile."
27 Abakhileyo eGahashi bathuka kakhulu amadodana kaJakobe, bawathuka ngonkulunkulu bawo, baqhubeka nokuwaphonsa imicibisholo namatshe besuka odongeni.
28 UJuda nabafowabo bezwa amazwi abakhileyo eGahashi, intukuthelo yabo yavutha kakhulu, uJuda waba nomhawu ngoNkulunkulu wakhe kule ndaba, wamemeza wathi: "Jehova, siza, thumela usizo kithi nakubafowethu."
29 Wagijima ibanga elide ngamandla akhe onke, ephethe inkemba yakhe ehoshiwe esandleni sakhe, wagxuma phansi futhi ngamandla akhe, wagibela udonga, inkemba yakhe yawa esandleni sakhe.
30 UJuda wamemeza phezu kodonga, bonke abantu ababephezu kodonga besaba kakhulu, abanye bawela odongeni bafa, kwathi labo ababesephezu kodonga, lapho bebona amandla kaJuda, besaba kakhulu, babalekela emzini ukuze baphephe.
31 Abanye baba nesibindi sokulwa noJuda odongeni, basondela ukumbulala lapho bebona ukuthi akukho nkemba esandleni sikaJuda, bacabanga ukumphonsa esuka odongeni aye kubafowabo, kwafika amadoda angamashumi amabili omuzi ukuzobasiza, bazungeza uJuda, bonke bamemeza phezu kwakhe, basondela kuye ngezinkemba ezihoshiweyo, bamesaba uJuda, uJuda wamemeza kubafowabo odongeni.
32 UJakobe namadodana akhe badonsa umnsalo ngaphansi kodonga, babulala amadoda amathathu ayephezu kodonga, uJuda waqhubeka ekhala, wamemeza wathi: "Nkosi, sisize, Nkosi, sisize." Wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu odongeni, ukukhala kwezwakala kude kakhulu.
33 Ngemva kwalokhu kumemeza waphinda futhi wamemeza, futhi wonke amadoda ayezungeze uJuda phezulu odongeni esaba kakhulu, futhi yilowo nalowo waphonsa inkemba yakhe esandleni sakhe lapho ezwa umsindo wokumemeza kukaJuda nokuthuthumela kwakhe, abaleka.
34 UJuda wathatha izinkemba ezaziwile ezandleni zabo, uJuda walwa nabo, wabulala abantu abangamashumi amabili kubo odongeni.
35 Amadoda nabesifazane abangaba amashumi ayisishiyagalombili babesakhuphuka odongeni besuka emzini, bazungeza uJuda, uJehova wafaka ukwesaba kukaJuda ezinhliziyweni zabo, kangangokuthi babengenakukwazi ukusondela kuye.
36 UJakobe nabo bonke ababenaye bakhipha umnsalo ngaphansi kodonga, babulala amadoda ayishumi odongeni, bawa phansi kodonga phambi kukaJakobe namadodana akhe.
37 Kwathi abantu ababesodongeni bebona ukuthi amadoda angamatshumi amabili ayewile, bagijimela koJuda bephethe izinkemba ezihoshiweyo, kodwa babengenakukwazi ukusondela kuye, ngokuba babesaba kakhulu ngamandla kaJuda.
38 Omunye wamaqhawe abo ogama lakhe lingu-Arudi wasondela ukuzoshaya uJuda ekhanda ngenkemba yakhe, lapho uJuda eshesha efaka isihlangu sakhe ekhanda lakhe, inkemba yashaya isihlangu, saqhekeka kabili.
39 Futhi le ndoda enamandla ngemva kokushaya uJuda yabaleka ukuze isindise impilo yayo, ngenxa yokwesaba uJuda, izinyawo zayo zashelela odongeni futhi yawela phakathi kwamadodana kaJakobe ayengaphansi kodonga, futhi amadodana kaJakobe amshaya ambulala.
40 Ikhanda likaJuda lamlimaza ngokushaywa yindoda enamandla, uJuda wayesecishe wafa ngenxa yalokho.
41 UJuda wakhala odongeni ngenxa yobuhlungu obabangelwa ukushaywa, lapho uDani ezwa lokho, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha ngaphakathi kuye, naye wasukuma wahamba ibanga elide wagijima wagxuma emhlabathini wakhwela odongeni ngamandla akhe avuthayo.
42 Lapho uDani efika odongeni eduze noJuda, bonke abantu ababesodongeni babaleka, ababemi bemelene noJuda, bakhuphukela odongeni lwesibili, baphonsa imicibisholo namatshe phezu koDani noJuda besuka odongeni lwesibili, bazama ukubaxosha besuka odongeni.
43 Imicibisholo namatshe kwashaya uDani noJuda, base becishe bafe odongeni, futhi nomaphi lapho uDani noJuda babebalekela khona odongeni, babehlaselwa ngemicibisholo namatshe odongeni lwesibili.
44 UJakobe namadodana akhe babesesemnyango womuzi ngaphansi kodonga lokuqala, futhi babengenakukwazi ukugoba umnsalo wabo ngokumelene nabantu bomuzi, njengoba babengenakubonwa yibo, besodongeni lwesibili.
45 Kwathi uDani noJuda lapho bengasakwazi ukuthwala amatshe nemicibisholo eyayiwela phezu kwabo besuka odongeni lwesibili, bobabili bagxumela odongeni lwesibili eduze kwabantu bomuzi, kwathi lapho abantu bomuzi ababesodongeni lwesibili bebona ukuthi uDani noJuda babefikile kubo odongeni lwesibili, bonke bamemeza base behla ngaphansi phakathi kodonga.
46 UJakobe namadodana akhe bezwa umsindo wokumemeza okuvela kubantu bomuzi, base besemnyango womuzi, futhi babekhathazekile ngoDani noJuda ababengabonwanga yibo, besodongeni lwesibili.
47 UNafetali wakhuphuka ngamandla akhe avuthayo, wagxumela odongeni lokuqala ukuze abone ukuthi yini eyabangela umsindo wokumemeza ababewuzwile emzini, u-Isakare noZebuloni basondela ukuphula iminyango yomuzi, bavula amasango omuzi, bangena emzini.
48 UNafetali wagxuma esuka odongeni lokuqala waya kolwesibili, weza ukusiza abafowabo, kanye nabakhileyo eGahashi ababesodongeni, bebona ukuthi uNafetali wayengowesithathu owayekhuphukele ukusiza abafowabo, bonke babaleka behlela emzini, uJakobe nawo wonke amadodana akhe nazo zonke izinsizwa zabo bafika emzini kubo.
49 OJuda noDani noNafetali behla besuka odongeni bangena emzini, baxosha abakhileyo emzini; oSimeyoni noLevi babengaphandle komuzi, bengazi ukuthi isango livuliwe; bakhuphukela odongeni besuka lapho, behlela kubafowabo emzini.
50 Bonke abantu bomuzi base behlele emzini, futhi amadodana kaJakobe afika kubo ngezindlela ezahlukene, futhi impi yabahlasela ngaphambili nangemuva, futhi

amadodana kaJakobe abashaya kakhulu, abulala cishe amadoda nabesifazane abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili kubo, akekho noyedwa kubo owakwazi ukumelana namadodana kaJakobe.
51 Igazi lageleza kakhulu emzini, laba njengomfudlana wamanzi, igazi lageleza njengomfula engxenyeni engaphandle yomuzi, lafika ehlane laseBeti-chorin.
52 Abantu baseBetikhorini babona kude igazi liphuma edolobheni laseGahashi, futhi amadoda angaba angamashumi ayisikhombisa phakathi kwabo agijima ukuyobona igazi, afika endaweni lapho igazi lalikhona khona.
53 Balandela umkhondo wegazi bafika odongeni lomuzi waseGahashi, babona igazi liphuma emzini, bezwa izwi lokukhala livela kwabakhileyo eGahashi, ngoba lenyukela ezulwini, igazi laliqhubeka ligeleza kakhulu njengomfula wamanzi.
54 Bonke amadodana kaJakobe ayesabulala abantu baseGahashi, futhi aqala ukubabulala kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, amadoda nabesifazane abacishe babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili, futhi abantu baseKhorini bathi: “Impela lo ngumsebenzi wamaHebheru, ngoba asaqhubeka nempi kuyo yonke imizi yama-Amori.”
55 Labo bantu bashesha bagijimela eBethkhorin, bathatha ngamunye izikhali zakhe zempi, bamemeza bonke abahlali baseBethkhorin, nabo ababhinca izikhali zabo zempi ukuba bahambe bayolwa namadodana kaJakobe.
56 Kwathi lapho amadodana kaJakobe eseqedile ukubulala izakhamuzi zaseGahashi, azulazula edolobheni ukuze aphange bonke ababulewe, afika engxenyeni engaphakathi yomuzi futhi aqhubeka nohambo ahlangana namadoda amathathu anamandla kakhulu, futhi kwakungekho nkemba esandleni sawo.
57 Amadodana kaJakobe afika lapho ayekhona, amadoda anamandla abaleka; omunye wawo wathumba uZebuloni, ambona engumfana omncane futhi omfushane, wamwisa phansi ngamandla akhe.
58 UJakobe wagijimela kuye ephethe inkemba yakhe, uJakobe wamshaya phansi kokhalo lwakhe ngenkemba, wamnquma kabili, isidumbu sawela phezu kukaZebuloni.
59 Owesibili wasondela wambamba uJakobe ukuze amwisele phansi, uJakobe waphendukela kuye wamemeza, kwathi uSimeyoni noLevi bagijima bamshaya ezinqeni ngenkemba bamlahla phansi.
60 Indoda enamandla yavuka phansi ngamandla avuthayo, uJuda weza kuye engakafiki esicongweni, wayishaya ekhanda ngenkemba, ikhanda layo laqhekeka wafa.
61 Indoda yesithathu enamandla, ibona ukuthi abangane bayo babulewe, yabaleka phambi kwamadodana kaJakobe, futhi amadodana kaJakobe ayixosha emzini; kwathi ngesikhathi indoda enamandla ibaleka yathola enye yezinkemba zabantu basemzini, yayisithatha yaphendukela emadodaneni kaJakobe yalwa nawo ngaleyo nkemba.
62 Le ndoda enamandla yagijimela kuJuda ukuyomshaya ekhanda ngenkemba, kodwa kwakungekho sihlangu esandleni sikaJuda; kwathi lapho ehlose ukumshaya, uNafetali washesha wathatha isihlangu sakhe wasibeka ekhanda likaJuda, inkemba yendoda enamandla yashaya isihlangu sikaNafetali, uJuda wasinda enkembeni.
63 USimeyoni noLevi bagijimela indoda enamandla ngezinkemba zabo bayishaya ngenkani ngezinkemba zabo, kwathi izinkemba ezimbili zangena emzimbeni wendoda enamandla zawuhlukanisa kabili, ngobude.
64 Amadodana kaJakobe abulala lawo madoda amathathu anamandla ngaleso sikhathi, kanye nabo bonke abakhileyo eGahashi, kwathi ilanga selizoshona.
65 Amadodana kaJakobe ahambahamba eGahashi, athatha yonke impango yomuzi, ngisho nezingane nabesifazane abangazange baphile; amadodana kaJakobe enza kuGahashi njengoba enza kuSarton naseShilo.

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1 Amadodana kaJakobe amuka nayo yonke impango yakwaGahashi, aphuma emzini ebusuku.
2 Babephuma beya enqabeni yaseBeti-chorin, futhi izakhamuzi zaseBeti-chorin zaziya enqabeni ukuyohlangana nabo, futhi ngalobo busuku amadodana kaJakobe alwa nezakhamuzi zaseBeti-chorin, enqabeni yaseBeti-chorin.
3 Futhi bonke abakhileyo eBetikhorini babengamadoda anamandla, oyedwa kubo wayengenakubaleka phambi kwamadoda ayinkulungwane, futhi balwa ngalobo busuku bebhekene nenqaba, futhi ukumemeza kwabo kwezwakala ngalobo busuku kude, nomhlaba wazamazama ngokumemeza kwabo.
4 Bonke amadodana kaJakobe babesaba lawo madoda, njengoba ayengajwayele ukulwa ebumnyameni, futhi adideka kakhulu, amadodana kaJakobe amemeza eNkosini, ethi: “Sisize Nkosi, sikhulule ukuze singafi ngezandla zala madoda angasokile.”
5 INkosi yalalela izwi lamadodana kaJakobe, futhi iNkosi yabangela ukwesaba okukhulu kanye nokudideka ukuze kubanjwe abantu baseBethchorin, balwa bodwa ebumnyameni bobusuku, bashayana ngamanani amakhulu.
6 Amadodana kaJakobe, azi ukuthi iNkosi ilethe umoya wobubi phakathi kwalawo madoda, nokuthi balwa yilowo nalowo nomakhelwane wakhe, aphuma phakathi kwamaviyo abantu baseBethchorin ahamba aze afika ekwehleni kwenqaba yaseBethchorin, aqhubekela phambili, ahlala lapho ngokuphepha nezinsizwa zawo ngalobo busuku.
7 Abantu baseBethchorin balwa ubusuku bonke, indoda eyodwa nomfowabo, kanti enye nomakhelwane wayo, bamemeza nxazonke enqabeni, futhi ukukhala kwabo kwezwakala kude, futhi wonke umhlaba wazamazama ngezwi labo, ngoba babenamandla ngaphezu kwabo bonke abantu bomhlaba.
8 Bonke abakhileyo emizini yamaKhanani, namaHeti, nama-Amori, namaHivi, nawo onke amakhosi aseKhanani, nalabo ababengaphesheya kweJordani bezwa umsindo wokumemeza ngalobo busuku.
9 Bathi: “Ngempela lezi yizimpi zamaHebheru alwa nemizi eyisikhombisa esondelene nawo; ngubani ongamelana nalawo maHebheru na?”
10 Bonke abakhileyo emizini yamaKhanani, nabo bonke ababengaphesheya kweJordani, besaba kakhulu ngamadodana kaJakobe, ngokuba bathi: “Bheka, kuzokwenziwa kithi lokho njengoba kwenziwa kuleyo mizi, ngoba ngubani ongema phambi kwamandla ayo amakhulu na?”

11 Futhi ukukhala kwamaKhorini kwakukhulu kakhulu ngalobo busuku, futhi kwaqhubeka kwanda; bashayana kwaze kwaba sekuseni, futhi inani labo labulawa.
12 Kwathi sekusile, amadodana kaJakobe avuka ekuseni, akhuphukela enqabeni, abulala abaseleyo bamaKhorini ngendlela esabekayo, babulawa bonke enqabeni.
13 Kwathi ngosuku lwesithupha kwabonakala, bonke abakhileyo eKhanani babona kude bonke abantu baseBeth-chorin belele enqabeni yaseBeth-chorin, behlakazekile njengezidumbu zamawundlu nezimbuzi.
14 Amadodana kaJakobe athatha yonke impango ayeyithathile eGahashi, aya eBeti Khorini, athola umuzi ugcwele abantu abangangesihlabathi solwandle, alwa nabo, amadodana kaJakobe ababulala lapho kwaze kwaba kusihlwa.
15 Amadodana kaJakobe enza kulo iBeti Khorini njengalokho enza kulo iGahashi neTaphaki, nanjengalokho enza kulo iHasari, noSaritoni, neShilo.
16 Amadodana kaJakobe athatha impango yaseBeti Khorini nayo yonke impango yemizi, abuyela ekhaya ngalolo suku eShekemi.
17 Amadodana kaJakobe afika ekhaya emzini waseShekemi, ahlala ngaphandle komuzi, aphumula lapho empini, alala khona ubusuku bonke.
18 Zonke izinceku zabo kanye nayo yonke impango ababeyithathile emizini, bazishiya ngaphandle komuzi, abangenanga emzini, ngokuba bathi: “Mhlawumbe kungase kube khona ukulwa nathi, bafike basivimbezele eShekemi.”
19 UJakobe namadodana akhe nezinceku zabo bahlala ngalobo busuku nangosuku olulandelayo esiqeshini sensimu uJakobe ayesithengile kuHamori ngamashekeli ayisihlanu, nakho konke ababekuthumbile kwakunabo.
20 Yonke impango amadodana kaJakobe ayeyithathile yayisesigabeni sensimu, inkulu njengesihlabathi ogwini lolwandle.
21 Abakhileyo ezweni babebabuka bekude, bonke abakhileyo ezweni babesaba amadodana kaJakobe ayenzile le nto, ngokuba akukho nkosi eyake yenza into enjalo kusukela ezinsukwini zasendulo.
22 Amakhosi ayisikhombisa amaKhanani anquma ukwenza ukuthula namadodana kaJakobe, ngokuba ayesaba kakhulu ukuphila kwawo ngenxa yamadodana kaJakobe.
23 Ngalolo suku, ngosuku lwesikhombisa, uJafiya inkosi yaseHebroni wathumela ngasese enkosini yase-Ayi, nasenkosini yaseGibeyoni, nasenkosini yaseShalemi, nasenkosini yase-Adulamu, nasenkosini yaseLakishi, nasenkosini yaseHasari, nakuwo onke amakhosi aseKhanani ayengaphansi kwawo, wathi:
24 Khuphuka nami, uze kimi ukuze siye emadodaneni kaJakobe, ngenze ukuthula nabo, ngenze isivumelwano nabo, funa wonke amazwe enu abhujiswe ngenkemba yamadodana kaJakobe, njengoba enza eShekemi nasemizini eyizungezile, njengoba nizwile futhi nibonile.
25 Futhi uma uza kimi, ungafiki nabantu abaningi, kodwa inkosi ngayinye mayilethe izinduna zayo ezintathu eziyinhloko, futhi induna ngayinye mayilethe izikhulu zayo ezintathu.
26 Wozani nonke eHebroni, futhi sizohamba ndawonye siye emadodaneni kaJakobe, sibanxusele ukuba benze isivumelwano sokuthula nathi.
27 Wonke lawo makhosi enza njengoba inkosi yaseHebroni yayiwathumele, ngoba wonke ayengaphansi kweseluleko nomyalo wakhe, futhi wonke amakhosi aseKhanani abuthana ukuze aye emadodaneni kaJakobe, ukuze enze ukuthula nawo; futhi amadodana kaJakobe abuya aya engxenyeni yensimu eyayiseShekemi, ngoba ayengathembeli emakhosini ezwe.
28 Amadodana kaJakobe abuya, ahlala ensimini izinsuku eziyishumi, akwabakho muntu owafika ukuzolwa nawo.
29 Kwathi amadodana kaJakobe ebona ukuthi impi ayibonakali, ahlangana wonke aya emzini waseShekemi, amadodana kaJakobe ahlala eShekemi.
30 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku ezingamashumi amane, onke amakhosi ama-Amori abuthana evela ezindaweni zawo zonke, eza eHebroni kuJafiya inkosi yaseHebroni.
31 Inani lamakhosi afika eHebroni ukuzothula namadodana kaJakobe lalingamakhosi angamashumi amabili nanye, inani labaholi ababeza nawo lalingamashumi ayisithupha nesishiyagalolunye, namadoda abo ayeyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesishiyagalolunye, futhi wonke la makhosi namadoda awo aphumula eNtabeni iHebroni.
32 Inkosi yaseHebroni yaphuma nezinduna zayo ezintathu namadoda ayisishiyagalolunye, futhi la makhosi anquma ukuya emadodaneni kaJakobe ukuze enze ukuthula.
33 Bathi enkosini yaseHebroni: “Hamba phambi kwethu namadoda akho, ukhulume egameni lethu emadodaneni kaJakobe, thina-ke sizokulandela, siqinise amazwi akho.” Inkosi yaseHebroni yenza njalo.
34 Amadodana kaJakobe ezwa ukuthi wonke amakhosi aseKhanani ahlangene ndawonye futhi aphumula eHebroni, amadodana kaJakobe athumela izinceku zawo ezine njengezinhloli, athi: “Hambani niyohlola la makhosi, niphenye futhi nihlole amadoda awo ukuthi ambalwa noma amaningi, futhi uma embalwa ngenani, wabaleni wonke bese nibuya.”
35 Izinceku zikaJakobe zaya ngasese kulawo makhosi, zenza njengoba amadodana kaJakobe ayeziyalile, futhi ngalolo suku zabuyela emadodaneni kaJakobe, zathi kuwo, Sifikile kulawo makhosi, futhi ambalwa ngenani, futhi sawabala wonke, futhi bheka, ayengamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesishiyagalombili, amakhosi namadoda.
36 Amadodana kaJakobe athi: “Bambalwa ngenani, ngakho-ke asiyikuya kubo sonke.” Kwathi ekuseni amadodana kaJakobe avuka, akhetha amadoda angamashumi ayisithupha nambili kuwo, kwathi ayishumi emadodaneni kaJakobe ahamba nawo; abhinca izikhali zawo zempi, ngokuba athi: “Bayeza ukuzolwa nathi, ngokuba babengazi ukuthi bayeza ukuzothula nabo.”
37 Amadodana kaJakobe ahamba nezinceku zawo aya esangweni laseShekemi, kulawo makhosi, noyise uJakobe wayenawo.
38 Kwathi sebephumile, bheka, inkosi yaseHebroni nezinduna zayo ezintathu namadoda ayisishiyagalolunye ayenaye beza ngendlela bezohlasela amadodana kaJakobe; amadodana kaJakobe aphakamisa amehlo awo, abona uJafiya inkosi yaseHebroni nezinduna zakhe kude,

esondela kubo; amadodana kaJakobe ema ngasesangweni laseShekemi, awazange aqhubeke.
39 Inkosi yaseHebroni yaqhubeka iqhubeka, yona nezinduna zayo, yaze yafika emadodaneni kaJakobe, yona nezinduna zayo zakhothama phansi phambi kwabo; inkosi yaseHebroni yahlala nezinduna zayo phambi kukaJakobe namadodana akhe.
40 Amadodana kaJakobe athi kuye: "Kwenzekeni kuwe, nkosi yaseHebroni? Uze ngani kithi namuhla? Ufunani kithi na?" Inkosi yaseHebroni yathi kuJakobe: "Ngiyakuncenga nkosi yami, onke amakhosi aseKhanani eze namuhla ukuzokwenza ukuthula nawe."
41 Amadodana kaJakobe ezwa amazwi enkosi yaseHebroni, awazange avume iziphakamiso zakhe, ngoba amadodana kaJakobe ayengakholwa nguye, ngoba ayecabanga ukuthi inkosi yaseHebroni yayikhulume nabo ngenkohliso.
42 Inkosi yaseHebroni yazi ngamazwi amadodana kaJakobe ukuthi abakholwanga ngamazwi akhe, inkosi yaseHebroni yasondela kuJakobe, yathi kuye: "Ngiyakuncenga, nkosi yami, ukuthi wonke lawa makhosi eze kuwe ngokuthula, ngoba awafikanga nawo wonke amadoda awo, futhi awazange alethe izikhali zawo zempi, ngoba eze ukuzofuna ukuthula enkosini yami nasemadodaneni ayo."
43 Amadodana kaJakobe aphendula inkosi yaseHebroni, athi: "Thumelani kuwo wonke lawa makhosi, uma nikhuluma iqiniso kithi, mawaze phambi kwethu ngamanye, uma eza kithi engahlomile, sizokwazi-ke ukuthi afuna ukuthula kithi."
44 UJafiya, inkosi yaseHebroni, wathumela omunye wamadoda akhe emakhosini, bonke beza phambi kwamadodana kaJakobe, bakhothamela phansi kuwo, la makhosi ahlala phambi kukaJakobe namadodana akhe, akhuluma nawo, athi:
45 Sizwile konke owakwenza emakhosini ama-Amori ngenkemba yakho nangengalo yakho enamandla kakhulu, kangangokuthi akukho muntu owayengamelana nawe, futhi sasikwesaba ngenxa yezimpilo zethu, funa kusehlele njengoba kwenzeka kuwo.
46 Ngakho size kini ukuzokwenza isivumelwano sokuthula phakathi kwethu, ngakho-ke manje yenzani isivumelwano sokuthula neqiniso nathi, sokuthi ngeke nisiphazamise, njengoba thina singazange siniphazamise.
47 Amadodana kaJakobe azi ukuthi ayeze ngempela ukuzofuna ukuthula kubo, amadodana kaJakobe abalalela, enza isivumelwano nabo.
48 Amadodana kaJakobe afunga kubo ukuthi ngeke bangenele kubo; nawo onke amakhosi amaKhanani afunga kubo; amadodana kaJakobe abenza iziboshwa kusukela ngalolo suku kuya phambili.
49 Ngemva kwalokhu zonke izikhulu zala makhosi zafika namadoda azo phambi kukaJakobe, ziphethe izipho ezandleni zazo kuJakobe namadodana akhe, zamkhothamela phansi.
50 La makhosi abe esenxusa amadodana kaJakobe, ebacela ukuba babuyisele yonke impango ababeyithumbile emizini eyisikhombisa yama-Amori, amadodana kaJakobe enza kanjalo, abuyisela konke ababekuthumbile, abesifazane, izingane, izinkomo, nayo yonke impango ababeyithathile, abamukisa, bahamba yilowo nalowo waya emzini wakhe.
51 Futhi wonke la makhosi aphinde akhothamela amadodana kaJakobe, futhi athumela noma aletha izipho eziningi ngalezo zinsuku, futhi amadodana kaJakobe athumela la makhosi namadoda awo, futhi ahamba ngokuthula esuka kuwo aya emizini yawo, futhi amadodana kaJakobe nawo abuyela ekhaya lawo, eShekemi.
52 Kusukela ngalolo suku kwaba nokuthula phakathi kwamadodana kaJakobe namakhosi amaKhanani, kwaze kwaba yilapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli befika ukuzodla izwe laseKhanani.

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1 Kwathi ngokushintshana konyaka amadodana kaJakobe asuka eShekemi, afika eHebroni, kuyise u-Isaka, ahlala lapho, kodwa imihlambi yabo yezimvu nezinkomo babedla imihla ngemihla eShekemi, ngoba kwakukhona lapho amadlelo amahle nacebile ngalezo zinsuku, uJakobe namadodana akhe kanye nendlu yabo yonke bahlala esigodini saseHebroni.
2 Kwathi ngalezo zinsuku, ngalowo nyaka, owawungumnyaka wekhulu nesithupha wokuphila kukaJakobe, ngomnyaka weshumi wokubuya kukaJakobe ePhadani Aramu, uLeya umkaJakobe wafa, eneminyaka engamashumi amahlanu nanye lapho efela eHebroni.
3 UJakobe namadodana akhe bammbela emhumeni wensimu yaseMakaphela oseHebroni, u-Abrahama awuthenga kubantwana bakwaHeti, ube yindawo yakhe yokungcwaba.
4 Amadodana kaJakobe ahlala noyise esigodini saseHebroni, bonke abakhileyo ezweni babazi amandla abo nodumo lwabo lwasakazeka kulo lonke izwe.
5 UJosefa indodana kaJakobe, nomfowabo uBenjamini, amadodana kaRaheli, umkaJakobe, babesebancane ngalezo zinsuku, futhi abazange baphume nabafowabo ngesikhathi sezimpi zabo kuyo yonke imizi yama-Amori.
6 Lapho uJosefa ebona amandla abafowabo nobukhulu babo, wabadumisa futhi wabaphakamisa, kodwa wazibeka phezulu kunabo, waziphakamisa ngaphezu kwabo; noJakobe, uyise, naye wayemthanda ngaphezu kwanoma yimaphi amadodana akhe, ngoba wayeyindodana yokuguga kwakhe, futhi ngothando lwakhe kuye, wamenzela ingubo enemibala emininingi.
7 Lapho uJosefa ebona ukuthi uyise uyamthanda ngaphezu kwabafowabo, waqhubeka nokuziphakamisa ngaphezu kwabafowabo, waletha kuyise imibiko emibi ngabo.
8 Amadodana kaJakobe ebona konke ukuziphatha kukaJosefa kubo, nokuthi uyise umthanda ngaphezu kwabo bonke, amzonda, ayengenakukhuluma naye ngokuthula zonke izinsuku.
9 UJosefa wayeneminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa ubudala, futhi wayesaqhubeka nokuziphakamisa ngaphezu kwabafowabo, futhi wayecabanga ukuziphakamisa ngaphezu kwabo.
10 Ngaleso sikhathi waphupha iphupho, wafika kubafowabo wabatshela iphupho lakhe, wathi kubo, Ngiphuphe iphupho, futhi bhekani sonke besibopha izithungu ensimini, isithungu sami savuka sahlala phansi, izithungu zenu zasizungeza, zasikhothamela.

11 Abafowabo baphendula bathi kuye: “Lisho ukuthini leli phupho oliphuphileyo na? Uzicabangele enhliziyweni yakho ukubusa noma ukubusa phezu kwethu na?”
12 Wasebuya, watshela uyise uJakobe indaba; uJakobe wamanga uJosefa lapho ezwa la mazwi emlonyeni wakhe, uJakobe wambusisa uJosefa.
13 Amadodana kaJakobe ebona ukuthi uyise ubusisile uJosefa, wamanga nokuthi uyamthanda kakhulu, aba nomona ngaye, amzonda kakhulu.
14 Ngemva kwalokhu uJosefa waphupha elinye iphupho, walandisa iphupho kuyise phambi kwabafowabo, uJosefa wathi kuyise nakubafowabo: “Bhekani, ngiphuphe futhi iphupho, bhekani ilanga nenyanga nezinkanyezi eziyishumi nanye zingikhothamela.”
15 Uyise wezwa amazwi kaJosefa nephupho lakhe, ebona ukuthi abafowabo bayamzonda uJosefa ngenxa yale ndaba, uJakobe wamsola uJosefa phambi kwabafowabo ngenxa yale nto, wathi: “Lisho ukuthini leli phupho oliphuphile, uzikhukhumeze phambi kwabafowenu abadala kunawe na?”
16 Ucabanga enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi mina nonyoko nabafowenu abayishumi nanye sizoza sizokukhothamela, ukuthi ukhuluma lezi zinto?
17 Abafowabo baba nomona ngaye ngenxa yamazwi namaphupho akhe, baqhubeka nokumzonda, uJakobe wawagcina enhliziyweni yakhe la maphupho.
18 Amadodana kaJakobe ahamba ngolunye usuku ukuyokwelusa umhlambi kayise eShekemi, ngoba ayesengabelusi ngalezo zinsuku; kwathi lapho amadodana kaJakobe elusa eShekemi ngalolo suku, alibala, isikhathi sokuqoqa izinkomo sadlula, azikafiki.
19 UJakobe esebonile ukuthi amadodana akhe alibele eShekemi, uJakobe wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: “Mhlawumbe abantu baseShekemi sebevukile ukulwa nabo, ngalokho balibele ukufika namuhla.”
20 UJakobe wabiza uJosefa indodana yakhe, wamyala, wathi: “Bheka, abafowenu balusa eShekemi namuhla, abakabuyi; hamba manje, ubone ukuthi bakuphi, ungibuyisele izwi lokuthi abafowenu bahlala kahle kanjani nokuthi umhlambi uhlala kahle kanjani.”
21 UJakobe wathumela indodana yakhe uJosefa esigodini saseHebroni, uJosefa wafika wabiza abafowabo eShekemi, akabatholanga, uJosefa wahambahamba ensimini eyayiseduze neShekemi, ukuze abone ukuthi abafowabo baphendukele kuphi, waphuthelwa indlela yakhe ehlane, wayengazi ukuthi kufanele aye ngayiphi indlela.
22 Ingelosi yeNkosi yamthola ezulazula endleleni eya endle, uJosefa wathi engelosini yeNkosi: “Ngifuna abafowethu; awuzwanga yini ukuthi badla kuphi?” Ingelosi yeNkosi yathi kuJosefa: “Ngibabonile abafowenu bedla lapha, futhi ngibezwile bethi bazoya kondla eDothani.”
23 UJosefa walalela izwi lengelosi yeNkosi, waya kubafowabo eDothani wabathola eDothani belusa umhlambi.
24 UJosefa wasondela kubafowabo, kwathi engakasondeli kubo, base benqume ukumbulala.
25 USimeyoni wathi kubafowabo: “Bhekani, indoda yamaphupho iyeza kithi namuhla, ngakho-ke wozani siyibulale, siyiphonse komunye wemigodi esehlane; lapho uyise eyifuna kithi, sizothi isilo esibi siyidlile.”
26 URubeni wezwa amazwi abafowabo ngoJosefa, wathi kubo: “Akufanele nikwenze lokhu, ngokuba singambheka kanjani ubaba uJakobe na? Mphonseni kulo mgodi ukuba afele khona, ningaluleli isandla sakhe kuye ukuba nichithe igazi lakhe.” URubeni wakusho lokhu ukuze amkhulule esandleni sabo, ambuyisele kuyise.
27 Kwathi uJosefa efika kubafowabo, wahlala phambi kwabo, bamvukela, bambamba, bamshaya phansi, bamhlubula ingubo enemibala eminingi ayeyigqokile.
28 Bamthatha bamphonsa emgodini, futhi emgodini kwakungekho manzi, ngaphandle kwezinyoka namafelfa. UJosefa wayesaba izinyoka namafelfa ayesemgodini. UJosefa wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, iNkosi yafihla izinyoka namafelfa ezinhlangothini zomgodi, futhi azizange zilimaze uJosefa.
29 UJosefa wamemeza evela emgodini waya kubafowabo, wathi kubo: “Ngenzeni kini, futhi ngoneni? Kungani ningamesabi uJehova ngami? Angiyena yini owamathambo nenyama yenu, futhi uJakobe akayena yini uyihlo, ubaba? Kungani nenza lokhu kimi namuhla, futhi nizokwazi kanjani ukubheka ubaba wethu uJakobe?”
30 Waqhubeka ememeza ebiza abafowabo egodini, wathi: “Juda, Simeyoni, noLevi, bafowethu, ngiphakamiseni endaweni yobumnyama eningibeke kuyo, nize namuhla nizongihawukela, nina bantwana beNkosi, nani madodana kaJakobe ubaba.” Futhi uma ngonile kini, anibona yini amadodana ka-Abrahama, u-Isaka, noJakobe? Uma bebona intandane babeyizwela, noma umuntu olambile, babeyipha isinkwa ukuba idle, noma umuntu owomileyo, babeyipha amanzi okuphuza, noma umuntu ohamba ze, babeyimboza ngezingubo!
31 Pho-ke, uzomgodlela kanjani umfowenu isihawu sakho, ngoba mina ngingowenyama yakho namathambo akho, futhi uma ngonile kuwe, nakanjani uzokwenza lokhu ngenxa kababa!
32 UJosefa wakhuluma la mazwi esemgodini, abafowabo abakwazanga ukumlalela, noma ukulalela amazwi kaJosefa, uJosefa wayekhala futhi ekhala emgodini.
33 UJosefa wathi: “Sengathi ubaba ubengazi namuhla, isenzo abafowethu abasenze kimi, namazwi abawakhulume kimi namuhla.”
34 Bonke abafowabo bezwa ukukhala kwakhe nokukhala kwakhe emgodini, abafowabo bahamba baphuma emgodini, ukuze bangezwa ukukhala kukaJosefa nokukhala kwakhe emgodini.

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1 Bahamba bahlala ngaphesheya, cishe ibanga lokuphonsa umcibisholo, bahlala lapho ukuba badle isinkwa, besadla, bacebisana ngokuthi kuzokwenziwani ngaye, noma bambulale noma bambuyisele kuyise.
2 Besabambe icebo, baphakamisa amehlo abo, babona; bheka, kwafika iviyo lama-Ishmayeli livela kude ngendlela yaseGileyadi, lehlela eGibithe.
3 UJuda wathi kubo: “Kuyasisizani uma sibulala umfowethu na? Mhlawumbe uNkulunkulu angamfuna kithi; yileli cebo eliceliwe ngaye eniyakumphatha ngalo: Bhekani leli qembu lama-Ishmayeli lehlela eGibithe,
4 Ngakho-ke wozani simnikele kubo, isandla sethu singabi phezu kwakhe, bamhole nabo, aze anyamalale phakathi kwabantu bezwe, singambulali ngezandla zethu.” Leso sicelo saba sihle kubafowabo, benza njengezwi likaJuda.

5 Kwathi besaxoxa ngale ndaba, ngaphambi kokuba iqembu lama-Ishmayeli lifike kubo, amadoda ayisikhombisa akwaMidiyani ahwebayo adlula kubo; kwathi sebedlula bomile, baphakamisa amehlo abo, babona umgodi uJosefa ayegodlelwe kuwo; babheka, bheka, zonke izinhlobo zezinyoni zaziphezu kwakhe.
6 Laba baMidiyani bagijimela emgodini ukuyophuza amanzi, ngoba babecabanga ukuthi anamanzi, futhi lapho befika phambi komgodi bezwa izwi likaJosefa ekhala futhi ekhala emgodini, babheka phansi emgodini, babona futhi bheka kwakukhona insizwa ebukeka kahle futhi ebukeka kahle.
7 Bambiza bathi, Ungubani wena, ngubani owakuletha lapha, futhi ngubani owakufaka kulomgodi, ehlane? Bonke basiza ekuphakamiseni uJosefa, bamkhipha emgodini, bamthatha bahamba nohambo lwabo badlula kubafowabo.
8 Laba bathi kubo: “Nikwenzelani lokhu, ukuthatha inceku yethu kithi, nihambe? Ngokuqinisekile simfake lo mfana emgodini ngoba wasihlubuka, wozani nimkhuphule nimhole; manje-ke sibuyiseleni inceku yethu.”
9 AbakwaMidiyani baphendula bathi emadodaneni kaJakobe: “Lo uyinceku yenu, noma lo muntu unani na? Mhlawumbe nonke niyizinceku zakhe, ngokuba muhle futhi uyathandeka kunani nonke; pho kungani nisiqambela amanga na?”
10 Ngakho-ke asiyikulalela amazwi akho, futhi asiyikukunaka, ngoba simtholile umfana emgodini ehlane, sambamba; ngakho-ke sizoqhubeka.
11 Bonke amadodana kaJakobe basondela kubo, basukuma baya kubo, bathi kubo: “Sibuyiseleni inceku yethu; kungani nonke nizokufa ngosiko lwenkemba?” AbakwaMidiyani bamemeza bemelene nabo, bahosha izinkemba zabo, basondela ukulwa namadodana kaJakobe.
12 Bheka uSimeyoni wasukuma esihlalweni sakhe emelene nabo, wagxumela phansi wahosha inkemba yakhe wasondela kumaMidiyani futhi wamemeza kakhulu phambi kwabo, kangangokuthi ukumemeza kwakhe kwezwakala kude, nomhlaba wazamazama ngokumemeza kukaSimeyoni.
13 AbakwaMidiyani besaba kakhulu ngenxa kaSimeyoni nomsindo wokumemeza kwakhe, bawa ngobuso babo, bethuka kakhulu.
14 USimeyoni wathi kubo: “NginguSimeyoni indodana kaJakobe umHebheru, mina kuphela nomfowethu, ngichithile umuzi waseShekemi nemizi yama-Amori; uNkulunkulu uyakwenza kimi futhi, uma bonke abafowenu, abantu bakwaMidiyani, namakhosi aseKhanani, befika nani, bengenakulwa nami.”
15 Ngakho-ke sibuyisele umfana omthathileyo, funa nginike inyama yakho izinyoni zezulu nezilwane zomhlaba.”
16 AbakwaMidiyani bamesaba kakhulu uSimeyoni, basondela emadodaneni kaJakobe ngokwesaba nangokwesaba, nangamazwi abuhlungu, bathi:
17 Impela uthe le nsizwa iyinceku yakho, nokuthi yahlubuka kuwe, ngakho-ke wayibeka emgodini; pho-ke uzokwenzenjani ngenceku ehlubuka enkosini yayo? Ngakho-ke thengisa ngayo kithi, sizokunika konke okudingayo ngayo; futhi iNkosi yayikuthandile ukwenza lokhu ukuze amadodana kaJakobe angambulali umfowabo.
18 AbakwaMidiyani babona ukuthi uJosefa wayemuhle futhi ebukeka kahle, bamfisa ezinhliziyweni zabo, bamfuna ngokushesha kubafowabo.
19 Amadodana kaJakobe alalela amaMidiyani, athengisa umfowabo uJosefa kubo ngezinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamashumi amabili, uRubeni umfowabo wayengekho kubo; amaMidiyani amthatha uJosefa, aqhubeka nohambo lwawo eya eGileyadi.
20 Babehamba ngendlela, amaMidiyani aphenduka ngalokho ababekwenzile, ngokuthenga le nsizwa, omunye wathi komunye: “Yini le esiyenzile, ngokuthatha le nsizwa kumaHebheru, ebukeka kahle futhi ibukeka kahle?”
21 Mhlawumbe lo mfana webiwe ezweni lamaHebheru, pho kungani senze lokhu? Uma efunwa futhi atholakale ezandleni zethu, sizokufa ngenxa yakhe.
22 Manje amadoda aqinile nanamandla amthengise kithi, amandla alowo enimbonile namuhla; mhlawumbe bamntshontshile ezweni lakhe ngamandla abo nangengalo yabo enamandla, ngakho-ke bamthengisele kithi ngenani elincane esalibanike lona.
23 Kwathi besaxoxa kanjalo, babheka, babona iqembu lama-Ishmayeli elalifika kuqala, futhi amadodana kaJakobe alibona, lisondela kumaMidiyani; amaMidiyani athi omunye komunye: “Wozani sithengise lo mfana eqenjini lama-Ishmayeli eliza kithi, futhi sizomthathela lokho okuncane esimnike kona, futhi sizokhululwa ebubini bakhe.”
24 Bakwenza lokho, bafika kwabakwa-Ishmayeli, abakwaMidiyani bathengisa uJosefa kwabakwa-Ishmayeli ngezinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamashumi amabili ababemnike zona abafowabo.
25 AmaMidiyani ahamba ngendlela yawo eya eGileyadi, ama-Ishmayeli amthatha uJosefa, amkhwelisa kwelinye lamakamela, amyisa eGibhithe.
26 UJosefa wezwa ukuthi ama-Ishmayeli ayeya eGibhithe, uJosefa wakhala kakhulu ngalokhu ukuthi wayesekude kangaka nezwe laseKhanani, noyise, wakhala kabuhlungu ngesikhathi egibele ikamela, kwathi omunye wamadoda abo wambona, wamenza wehla ekameleni wahamba ngezinyawo, naphezu kwalokhu uJosefa waqhubeka ekhala, wathi, Baba, Baba.
27 Omunye wama-Ishmayeli wasukuma washaya uJosefa esihlathini, waqhubeka ekhala; uJosefa wayekhathele endleleni, engakwazi ukuqhubeka ngenxa yobuhlungu bomphefumulo wakhe, bonke bamshaya futhi bamhlupha endleleni, futhi bamethusa ukuze ayeke ukukhala.
28 Futhi iNkosi yabona isifiso sikaJosefa nokuhlupheka kwakhe, futhi iNkosi yabehlisela phezu kwalabo bantu ubumnyama nokudideka, futhi isandla sabo bonke abamshayayo sabuna.
29 Bathi omunye komunye: “Kuyini lokhu uNkulunkulu asenzele khona endleleni?” Babengazi ukuthi lokhu kubehlele ngenxa kaJosefa. Amadoda ahamba ngendlela eya e-Efrati, lapho uRaheli angcwatshwa khona.
30 UJosefa wafika ethuneni likanina, uJosefa washesha wagijimela ethuneni likanina, wawela ethuneni wakhala.
31 UJosefa wamemeza kakhulu ethuneni likanina, wathi: “Mama, Mama, wena owangizala, vuka manje, uvuke ubone indodana yakho, ukuthi ithengiswe kanjani njengesigqila, kungekho muntu wokuyizwela.”

32 Vuka ubone indodana yakho, ukhale nami ngenxa yezinkinga zami, ubone inhliziyo yabafowethu.
33 Vusa umama, vuka, vuka ebuthongweni bakho ngenxa yami, futhi uqondise izimpi zakho nabafowethu. O, bangihlubule kanjani ingubo yami, futhi bangithengise kabili kakade njengesigqila, futhi bangihlukanisa nobaba, futhi akekho ongihawukelayo.
34 Vuka ubeke udaba lwakho kubo phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ubone ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyamthethelela bani ekwahluleleni, nokuthi ngubani azomlahla.
35 Vuka, mama, vuka, vuka ebuthongweni bakho ubone ubaba ukuthi umphefumulo wakhe unani nami namuhla, umduduze futhi ududuze inhliziyo yakhe.
36 UJosefa waqhubeka nokukhuluma lawa mazwi, uJosefa wakhala kakhulu futhi wakhala kabuhlungu ethuneni likanina; wabe eseyeka ukukhuluma, futhi ngenxa yobuhlungu benhliziyo wathula njengetshe phezu kwethuna.
37 UJosefa wezwa izwi likhuluma naye livela phansi emhlabathini, elamphendula ngomunyu wenhliziyo, nangezwi lokukhala nokuthandaza ngala mazwi:
38 Ndodana yami, ndodana yami Josefa, ngizwile izwi lokukhala kwakho nezwi lokukhala kwakho; ngizibonile izinyembezi zakho; ngiyazazi izinkinga zakho, ndodana yami, futhi kuyangidabukisa ngenxa yakho, futhi usizi olukhulu luyenezelwa osizini lwami.
39 Ngakho-ke ndodana yami, Josefa ndodana yami, themba eNkosini, uyilinde, ungesabi, ngokuba iNkosi inawe, iyokukhulula kuzo zonke izinhlupheko.
40 Sukuma ndodana yami, wehlele eGibhithe kanye namakhosi akho, ungesabi, ngokuba uJehova unawe, ndodana yami.” Waqhubeka ekhuluma la mazwi kuJosefa, wahlala ethule.
41 UJosefa wezwa lokhu, wamangala kakhulu ngalokhu, waqhubeka ekhala; futhi ngemva kwalokhu omunye wama-Ishmayeli wambona ekhala futhi ekhala ethuneni, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha kuye, wamxosha lapho, wamshaya futhi wamqalekisa.
42 UJosefa wathi kumadoda: “Mangithole umusa emehlweni enu ukuba ningibuyisele endlini kababa, aniphe ingcebo eningi.”
43 Bamphendula bathi, “Awusiso isigqila, uphi uyihlo?” Futhi ukube ubunoyise ngabe awukathengiswa kabili njengesigqila ngenani elincane kangaka; futhi intukuthelo yabo yayisamvukela, baqhubeka nokumshaya nokumjezisa, uJosefa wakhala kabuhlungu.
44 INkosi yabona ukuhlupheka kukaJosefa, iNkosi yaphinda yashaya la madoda, yawajezisa, iNkosi yabangela ubumnyama ukuba buwamboze emhlabeni, kwakhanya umbani kwaduma izulu, kwazamazama umhlaba ngezwi lokuduma nomoya onamandla, amadoda esaba kakhulu futhi ayengazi ukuthi kufanele aye kuphi.
45 Izilwane namakamela ema, azihola, kodwa avumanga ukuhamba, azishaya, akhothama phansi; amadoda athi omunye komunye: “Kuyini lokhu uNkulunkulu akwenzile kithi? Ziyini iziphambeko zethu, futhi ziyini izono zethu ukuthi lokhu kusehlele?”
46 Omunye wabo waphendula wathi kubo: “Mhlawumbe ngenxa yesono sokuhlupha le nceku lokhu kwenzeke kithi namuhla; ngakho-ke mnxuseni kakhulu ukuba asithethelele, khona-ke sizobe sazi ukuthi lokhu okubi kusehlele ngenxa kabani, futhi uma uNkulunkulu ezoba nesihawu kithi, khona-ke sizobe sazi ukuthi konke lokhu kufike kithi ngenxa yesono sokuhlupha le nceku.”
47 Amadoda enza kanjalo, amncenga uJosefa, amncenga ukuba awathethelele; athi: “Sonile kuJehova nakuwe; ngalokho-ke vuma ukucela kuNkulunkulu wakho ukuba asuse lokhu kufa phakathi kwethu, ngokuba sonile kuye.”
48 UJosefa wenza njengalokho ababekusho, uJehova wamlalela uJosefa, uJehova wasusa inhlupho ayeyishaye kulawo madoda ngenxa kaJosefa, izilwane zavuka emhlabathini, zabaqhuba, baqhubeka, isiphepho esinamandla saphela, umhlaba waba nokuthula, amadoda aqhubeka nohambo lwawo ehlela eGibhithe, amadoda azi ukuthi lobu bubi bubehlele ngenxa kaJosefa.
49 Bathi omunye komunye: “Bhekani, siyazi ukuthi kungenxa yokuhlupheka kwakhe ukuthi lobu bubi busehlele; pho-ke kungani sizoletha lokhu kufa phezu kwemiphefumulo yethu? Ake sibonisane ngokuthi sizokwenzenjani ngale nceku.”
50 Omunye waphendula wathi: “Uthe masimbuyisele kuyise; manje wozani simbuyisele, siye endaweni azositshela yona, sithathe emndenini wakhe intengo esiyinike yena, bese sihamba.”
51 Omunye waphendula futhi wathi: “Bheka, leli cebo lihle kakhulu, kodwa thina asinakukwenza lokho ngoba indlela ikude kakhulu nathi, futhi asinakusuka endleleni yethu.”
52 Omunye waphendula wathi kubo: “Nansi icebo okufanele silithathe, asiyikuphambuka kulo; bhekani namuhla siya eGibhithe, futhi uma sesifikile eGibhithe, sizomthengisa lapho ngentengo ephezulu, futhi sizokhululwa ebubini bakhe.”
53 Le nto yabajabulisa labo bantu, benza kanjalo; baqhubeka nohambo lwabo baya eGibithe noJosefa.

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1 Kwathi lapho amadodana kaJakobe ethengisa uJosefa umfowabo kumaMidiyani, izinhliziyo zawo zadabuka ngenxa yakhe, aphenduka ezenzweni zawo, amfuna ukuba ambuyise, kodwa awamtholanga.
2 URubeni wabuyela emgodini lapho uJosefa ayefakwe khona, ukuze amkhiphe, ambuyisele kuyise; uRubeni wema emgodini, akezwanga lutho; wambiza uJosefa, wathi: “Josefa!” akwabakho muntu owaphendulayo, noma owakhuluma izwi.
3 URubeni wathi: “UJosefa ufile ngenxa yokwesaba, noma inyoka imbulale;” URubeni wehlela emgodini, wamfuna uJosefa; akamtholanga emgodini, waphuma futhi.
4 URubeni waklebhula izingubo zakhe, wathi: “Umntwana akakho, ngingambuyisela kanjani ubaba kuye uma efile na?” Waya kubafowabo, wabathola bedabukile ngenxa kaJosefa, becebisana ngokuthi bangabuyisana kanjani noyise ngaye, uRubeni wathi kubafowabo: “Ngifikile emgodini, bheka, uJosefa wayengekho lapho; pho-ke sizothini kubaba, ngoba ubaba ufuna umfana kimi kuphela.”
5 Abafowabo baphendula bathi kuye: “Senze kanje nakanje, izinhliziyo zethu zasishaya kakhulu ngenxa yalesi senzo, manje sihlezi sifuna isizathu sokuthi singabuyisana kanjani nobaba.”

6 URubeni wathi kubo: “Nenzeni lokhu, nehlisele ubaba izimvi ngosizi ethuneni na? Akukuhle lokho enikwenzileyo.”
7 URubeni wahlala nabo, basukuma bonke bafunga omunye komunye ukuthi ngeke bamtshele uJakobe le nto, bathi: “Umuntu ozotshela ubaba noma indlu yakhe lokhu, noma ozotshela noma yimuphi wabantwana bezwe, sonke sizomvukela simbulale ngenkemba.”
8 Amadodana kaJakobe ayesabana kule ndaba, kusukela komncane kuya komdala, akwabakho muntu owakhuluma izwi, bafihla le nto ezinhliziyweni zabo.
9 Ngemva kwalokho bahlala phansi ukuze bacabange futhi baqambe okuthile abazokusho kuyise uJakobe ngazo zonke lezi zinto.
10 U-Isakare wathi kubo: “Nansi iseluleko kini, uma kukuhle emehlweni enu ukwenza lokhu, thathani ingubo kaJosefa, niyiklebhule, nihlabe izinyane lembuzi, nilicwilise egazini layo.”
11 Niyithumele kubaba, uma eyibona, uzothi isilo esibi simdlile, ngakho-ke dabulani ingubo yakhe, bhekani igazi lakhe lizoba phezu kwengubo yakhe, futhi ngokwenza lokhu sizokhululeka ekukhonondeni kukababa.
12 Iseluleko sika-Isakare saba sihle kubo, bamlalela, benza njengezwi lika-Isakare abeluleke ngalo.
13 Bashesha bathatha ingubo kaJosefa, bayiklebhula, babulala imbuzi, bacwilisa ingubo egazini lembuzi, base beyinyathela othulini, bayithumela kuyise uJakobe ngesandla sikaNafetali, bamyala ukuba asho la mazwi:
14 Sasiqoqe izinkomo, safika endleleni eya eShekemi, sathola le ngubo endleleni ehlane icwiliswe egazini nasothulini; ngakho-ke yazi manje ukuthi iyingubo yendodana yakho noma cha.
15 UNafetali wahamba, wafika kuyise, wamnika ingubo, wamtshela konke abafowabo ababemyale ngakho.
16 UJakobe wabona ingubo kaJosefa, wayazi, wawa ngobuso phansi, wathula njengetshe, wasukuma wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu nelikhalayo, wathi: “Yingubo yendodana yami uJosefa!”
17 UJakobe washesha wathumela enye yezinceku zakhe emadodaneni akhe, eya kubo yawathola eza nomhlambi endleleni.
18 Amadodana kaJakobe afika kuyise kusihlwa, bheka, izingubo zawo zaziklebhukile, uthuli luphezu kwamakhanda awo, athola uyise ekhala ngezwi elikhulu.
19 UJakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe: “Ngitsheleni ngempela ukuthi ububi buni enibungenzele bona namuhla ngokuzumayo?” Bamphendula uyise uJakobe, bathi: “Sihambe namuhla, imihlambi isibuthiwe, safika emzini waseShekemi ngasendleleni ehlane, sathola le ngubo igcwele igazi emhlabathini, sakwazi, sathumela kuwe uma ubungakwazi.”
20 UJakobe wezwa amazwi amadodana akhe, wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, wathi: “Yingubo yendodana yami, isilwane esibi simdlile; uJosefa udatshuliwe waba yizicucu, ngokuba ngimthumile namuhla ukuyobona ukuthi uphilile yini nokuthi uphilile yini emihlambini, angibuyisele izwi kuwe.” Wahamba njengoba ngangimyalile, futhi lokhu kuye kwenzeka kuye namuhla ngesikhathi ngicabanga ukuthi indodana yami inawe.
21 Amadodana kaJakobe aphendula athi: “Akafikanga kithi, futhi asimbonanga kusukela osukwini esaphuma ngalo kuwe kuze kube manje.”
22 Kwathi uJakobe ezwa amazwi abo waphinda wakhala kakhulu, wasukuma waklebhula izingubo zakhe, wagqoka indwangu yesaka okhalweni lwakhe, wakhala kabuhlungu, wakhala kakhulu, waphakamisa izwi lakhe ekhala, wamemeza wathi:
23 Josefa ndodana yami, O ndodana yami Josefa, ngikuthumile namuhla ukuze uthole inhlalakahle yabafowenu, futhi bheka, udwenguliwe waba yizicucu; lokhu kwenzeke esandleni sami endodaneni yami.
24 Kungidabukisa ngawe Josefa ndodana yami, kungidabukisa ngawe; yeka ukuthi wawumnandi kangakanani kimi ngesikhathi sokuphila, futhi manje yeka ukuthi ukufa kwakho kubuhlungu kangakanani kimi.
25 0 ukuthi ngafa esikhundleni sakho Josefa ndodana yami, ngoba kuyangidabukisa ngawe ndodana yami, O ndodana yami, ndodana yami. Josefa ndodana yami, ukuphi, futhi udonswe kuphi? Vuka, vuka endaweni yakho, uze uzobona usizi lwami ngawe, O ndodana yami Josefa.
26 Woza manje ubale izinyembezi eziphuma emehlweni ami zehle ezihlathini zami, uzilethe phambi kukaJehova, ukuze intukuthelo yakhe isuke kimi.
270 Josefa ndodana yami, wawa kanjani, ngesandla somuntu okungekho muntu owawa ngaye kusukela ekuqaleni komhlaba kuze kube namuhla; ngoba ubulewe ngokushaywa yisitha, wahlukunyezwa ngonya, kodwa ngiyazi ngokuqinisekile ukuthi lokhu kwenzeke kuwe, ngenxa yezono zami eziningi.
28 Vuka manje ubone ukuthi kubuhlungu kangakanani ukukuhlupha kwami ndodana yami, nakuba ngingakukhulisanga, futhi ngingakubumbanga, futhi ngingakuniki umoya nomphefumulo, kodwa nguNkulunkulu owakubumba, wakha amathambo akho, wawamboza ngenyama, waphefumulela emakhaleni akho umoya wokuphila, wabe esekunika mina.
29 Manje-ke uNkulunkulu owakunginika wena, ukuthathile kimi, futhi lokhu sekwehlele wena.
30 UJakobe waqhubeka ekhuluma la mazwi ngoJosefa, wakhala kabuhlungu; wawela phansi wathula.
31 Kwathi bonke abantwana bakaJakobe bebona ukuhlupheka kukayise, bazisola ngalokho ababekwenzile, bakhala kabuhlungu.
32 UJuda wasukuma, waphakamisa ikhanda likayise phansi, walibeka emathangeni akhe, wesula izinyembezi zikayise ezihlathini zakhe; uJuda wakhala kakhulu, ikhanda likayise lihlezi emathangeni akhe, lithule njengetshe.
33 Amadodana kaJakobe abona ukuhlupheka kukayise, aphakamisa izwi lawo, aqhubeka ekhala, uJakobe wayelele phansi njengetshe.
34 Wonke amadodana akhe nezinceku zakhe nabantwana bezinceku zakhe basukuma bema ngakuye ukumduduza, kepha wala ukududuzeka.
35 Yonke indlu kaJakobe yasukuma yalila kakhulu ngenxa kaJosefa nokuhlupheka kukayise, futhi ulwazi lwafika ku-Isaka, indodana ka-Abrahama, uyise kaJakobe, wakhala kakhulu ngenxa kaJosefa, yena nabo bonke abendlu yakhe, wasuka endaweni ayehlala kuyo eHebroni, kanye

namadoda akhe ayenaye, wamduduza uJakobe indodana yakhe, futhi wenqaba ukududuzwa.
36 Ngemva kwalokhu, uJakobe wasukuma emhlabathini, izinyembezi zakhe zehla ezihlathini zakhe, wathi emadodaneni akhe: "Vukani nithathe izinkemba zenu neminsalo yenu, niphume niye endle, nifune ukuthi ningasithola yini isidumbu sendodana yami, nisilethe kimi ukuze ngisingcwabe."
37 Funani futhi, ngiyanincenga, phakathi kwezilwane nizizingele, futhi lokho okuzofika kuqala ngaphambi kokuba nikubambe nikulethe kimi, mhlawumbe iNkosi ingayihawukela namuhla inhlupheko yami, futhi ilungiselele phambi kwenu lokho okudwengule indodana yami, ikulethe kimi, bese ngiphindisela icala lendodana yami.
38 Amadodana akhe enza njengoba uyise ayewayalile, avuka ekuseni kakhulu, yilowo nalowo wathatha inkemba yakhe nomnsalo wakhe esandleni sakhe, aphuma aya endle ukuyozingela izilwane.
39 UJakobe wayesakhala kakhulu, ehambahamba endlini, eshaya izandla zakhe, ethi: "Josefa, ndodana yami, Josefa, ndodana yami!"
40 Amadodana kaJakobe aya ehlane ukuyobamba izilwane, bheka impisi yeza kubo, bambamba, bamyisa kuyise, bathi kuye: "Lena yiyo yokuqala esiyitholile, futhi siyilethile kuwe njengoba usilayile, futhi isidumbu sendodana yakho asikwazanga ukusithola."
41 UJakobe wathatha isilwane ezandleni zamadodana akhe, wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu nelikhalayo, ephethe isilwane esandleni sakhe, wakhuluma nesilwane ngenhliziyo ebuhlungu, wathi: "Uyidlileni indodana yami uJosefa, futhi awumesabanga kanjani uNkulunkulu womhlaba, noma ukuhlupheka kwami ngenxa yendodana yami uJosefa?"
42 Futhi udle indodana yami ngeze, ngoba ayenzanga ubudlova, futhi ngalokho wangenza ngaba necala ngenxa yayo, ngakho-ke uNkulunkulu uzofuna lowo oshushiswayo.
43 UJehova wavula umlomo wesilwane ukuze amduduze uJakobe ngamazwi aso, saphendula uJakobe sakhuluma la mazwi kuye,
44 Njengoba uNkulunkulu ephila owasidala emhlabeni, futhi njengoba umphefumulo wakho uphila, nkosi yami, angizange ngiyibone indodana yakho, futhi angizange ngiyidabule yaba yizicucu, kodwa ngivela ezweni elikude ngize ukuzofuna indodana yami eyangishiya namuhla, futhi angazi ukuthi iyaphila noma ifile.
45 Ngize namuhla endle ukuyofuna indodana yami, amadodana akho angitholile, angibamba, andisa usizi lwami, angilethile phambi kwakho namuhla, manje sengikhulume wonke amazwi ami kuwe.
46 Ngakho-ke, ndodana yomuntu, ngisesandleni sakho, futhi wenze kimi namuhla njengoba kungase kubonakale kukuhle emehlweni akho, kodwa ngokuphila kukaNkulunkulu owangidala, angizange ngiyibone indodana yakho, futhi angizange ngiyidabule yaba yizicucu, futhi inyama yomuntu ayizange ingene emlonyeni wami zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwami.
47 Kwathi lapho uJakobe ezwa amazwi esilo wamangala kakhulu, wasusa isilo esandleni sakhe, sahamba.
48 UJakobe wayesalokhu ekhala kakhulu ngoJosefa imihla ngemihla, walilela indodana yakhe izinsuku eziningi.

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1 Amadodana ka-Ishmayeli ayethenge uJosefa kwaMidiyani, ayemthenge kubafowabo, aya eGibhithe noJosefa, afika emingceleni yaseGibhithe, kwathi lapho esondela eGibhithe, ahlangana namadoda amane emadodaneni kaMedani indodana ka-Abrahama, ayephumile ezweni laseGibhithe ohambweni lwawo.
2 Ama-Ishmayeli athi kubo: "Niyafuna ukuthenga lesi sigqila kithi na?" Bathi: "Sinikeni." Bamnikela uJosefa kubo, bambona ukuthi uyinsizwa enhle kakhulu, bamthenga ngamashekeli angamashumi amabili."
3 Ama-Ishmayeli aqhubeka nohambo lwawo oluya eGibhithe, namaMedani nawo abuyela eGibhithe ngalolo suku, amaMedani athi komunye nomunye: "Bhekani, sizwile ukuthi uPotifari, isikhulu sikaFaro, induna yabalindi, ufuna inceku enhle ezoma phambi kwakhe ukuze imkhonze, futhi immise abe yinduna phezu kwendlu yakhe nakho konke okungokwakhe."
4 Ngakho-ke wozani simthengisele lokho esikufunayo, uma ekwazi ukusinika lokho esikudingayo kuye.
5 Laba baMedani bahamba baya endlini kaPotifari, bathi kuye: "Sizwile ukuthi ufuna inceku enhle ukuba ikukhonze, bheka, sinenceku ezokujabulela, uma ungasinika lokho esingakufuna, futhi sizoyithengisa kuwe."
6 UPotifari wathi: "Mletheni phambi kwami, ngizombona, uma engithanda, ngizokunika lokho eningakudinga kuye."
7 AmaMedani ahamba amletha uJosefa, ambeka phambi kukaPotifari; wambona, wamjabulisa kakhulu, uPotifari wathi kubo: "Ngitsheleni ukuthi nifunani ngalo mfana?"
8 Bathi, Sifuna izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamakhulu amane, uPotifari wathi, Ngizokunika zona uma ungilethela incwadi yokuthengiswa kwakhe kuwe, ungitshele umlando wakhe, ngoba mhlawumbe angase ebiwe, ngoba lo mfana akayona inceku, futhi akayona indodana yesigqila, kodwa ngibona kuye ukubukeka komuntu omuhle nobukekayo.
9 AmaMedani ahamba aletha kuye ama-Ishmayeli ayemthengisele wona, amtshela ukuthi, "Uyisigqila futhi simthengisile kubo."
10 UPotifari wezwa amazwi ama-Ishmayeli lapho enika amaMedani isiliva, amaMedani athatha isiliva ahamba, nama-Ishmayeli nawo abuyela emakhaya.
11 UPotifari wamthatha uJosefa, wamyisa endlini yakhe ukuba amkhonze; uJosefa wathola umusa emehlweni kaPotifari, wamethemba, wamenza umphathi wendlu yakhe, nakho konke okwakungokwakhe wakunikela esandleni sakhe.
12 UJehova wayenaye uJosefa, waba yindoda ephumelelayo, uJehova wabusisa indlu kaPotifari ngenxa kaJosefa.
13 UPotifari washiya konke ayenakho esandleni sikaJosefa, uJosefa wayengomunye wabantu ababebangela ukuba izinto zingene futhi ziphume, futhi konke kwakuqondiswa yisifiso sakhe endlini kaPotifari.
14 UJosefa wayeneminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili ubudala, engumfana onamehlo amahle nobukekayo, futhi wayengekho onjengaye ezweni lonke laseGibhithe.
15 Ngaleso sikhathi esendlini yenkosi yakhe, engena ephuma endlini ekhonza inkosi yakhe, uZelika, umkankosi yakhe, waphakamisa amehlo akhe kuJosefa; wambuka, bheka, wayeyinsizwa enhle, ebukeka kahle.

16 Wayefisa ubuhle bakhe enhliziyweni yakhe, umphefumulo wakhe wagxila kuJosefa, wamhuga imihla ngemihla, uZelika wamncenga uJosefa imihla ngemihla, kodwa uJosefa wayengaphakamisi amehlo akhe ukuze ambone umkankosi yakhe.
17 UZelika wathi kuye: "Yeka ukubukeka kwakho nesimo sakho esihle, ngizibhekile zonke izinceku, angikaze ngibone isigqila esihle njengawe; uJosefa wathi kuye: "Impela lowo owangidala esiswini sikamama wadala bonke abantu."
18 Wathi kuye: "Yeka ukuthi amehlo akho amahle kangakanani, owakhazimulisa ngawo bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe, amadoda nabesifazane; wathi kuye: "Yeka ukuthi bahle kangakanani sisaphila, kodwa uma ubabona ethuneni, ubuyakuhamba usuke kubo."
19 Wathi kuye: "Yeka ukuthi amazwi akho amahle kangakanani, amnandi kangakanani; ake uthathe ihabhu elisendlini, udlale ngezandla zakho, sizwe amazwi akho."
20 Wathi kuye: "Yeka ukuthi amazwi ami amahle futhi ayathandeka kanjani uma ngikhuluma ngodumo lukaNkulunkulu wami nenkazimulo yakhe;" wathi kuye: "Yeka ukuthi zinhle kangakanani izinwele zekhanda lakho, bheka ikamu legolide elisendlini, ngicela ulithathe, ugoqe izinwele zekhanda lakho."
21 Wathi kuye: "Uyakukhuluma lawa mazwi kuze kube nini na? Yeka ukungitshela lawa mazwi, vuka unakekele izindaba zakho."
22 Wathi kuye, Akukho muntu endlini yami, futhi akukho lutho lokulalela ngaphandle kwamazwi akho nesicelo sakho; nokho naphezu kwakho konke lokhu, wayengenakumletha uJosefa kuye, futhi akambonanga, kodwa wabhekisa amehlo akhe phansi.
23 UZelika wafisa uJosefa enhliziyweni yakhe ukuba alale naye, kwathi ngesikhathi uJosefa ehleli endlini enza umsebenzi wakhe, uZelika wafika wahlala phambi kwakhe, wamnxenxa nsuku zonke ngamazwi akhe ukuba alale naye, noma ambuke, kodwa uJosefa akavumanga ukumlalela.
24 Wathi kuye: "Uma ungenzi njengamazwi ami, ngiyakukujezisa ngesijeziso sokufa, ngikubeke ijoka lensimbi."
25 UJosefa wathi kuye, Ngempela uNkulunkulu owadala umuntu uyakhulula izibopho zeziboshwa, futhi nguye ozongikhulula etilongweni lakho nasekwahlulelweni kwakho.
26 Kwathi lapho ehluleka ukumnqoba, ukumncenga, nomphefumulo wakhe usagxile kuye, isifiso sakhe samfaka esifweni esibi kakhulu.
27 Bonke abesifazane baseGibhithe beza ukuzomvakashela, bathi kuye: "Kungani usebuthaka kangaka? Wena ongaswele lutho; ngokuqinisekile umyeni wakho uyisikhulu esikhulu nesihlonishwayo emehlweni enkosi, ingabe kufanele uswele noma yini yalokho okufiswa yinhliziyo yakho?"
28 UZelika waphendula wathi kubo: "Namuhla niyokwazi ukuthi lesi siphepho eningibona ngaso sivelaphi," wayala izincekukazi zakhe ukuba zilungiselele bonke abesifazane ukudla, wabenzela idili, bonke abesifazane badla endlini kaZelika.
29 Wabanika imimese yokuhluba ama-citron ukuze bawadle, wayala ukuthi bambathise uJosefa izingubo ezibizayo, nokuthi avele phambi kwabo, uJosefa wafika phambi kwamehlo abo bonke abesifazane bambuka uJosefa, futhi abakwazanga ukususa amehlo abo kuye, futhi bonke bazisika izandla zabo ngemimese ababenayo ezandleni zabo, futhi wonke ama-citron ayesesandleni sabo agcwele igazi.
30 Futhi babengazi ukuthi benzeni kodwa baqhubeka nokubuka ubuhle bukaJosefa, futhi abazange bamsuse amehlo abo kuye.
31 UZelika wabona lokho ababekwenzile, wathi kubo: "Uyini lo msebenzi eniwenzileyo? Bhekani, ngininike ama-citron ukuba nidle, nina nonke nizisike izandla zenu."
32 Bonke abesifazane babona izandla zabo, bheka, zazigcwele igazi, igazi labo lagobhoza ezingutsheni zabo, bathi kuye, Lesi sigqila esisendlini yakho sisinqobile, futhi besingenakukwazi ukufulathela amehlo ethu kuye ngenxa yobuhle bakhe.
33 Wathi kubo: "Ngempela lokhu kwenzeke kini ngesikhathi nimbheka, anikwazanga ukuzibamba kuye; pho ngingazibamba kanjani uma ekhona njalo endlini yami, ngimbona nsuku zonke engena futhi ephuma endlini yami? Pho ngingazibamba kanjani ukuba ngingawi noma ngisho nokubhubha ngenxa yalokhu?"
34 Bathi kuye, La mazwi ayiqiniso, ngoba ngubani ongabona lesi simo esihle endlini bese emgwema, futhi akayona yini inceku yakho nesikhonzi sakho endlini yakho, futhi kungani ungamtsheli okusenhliziyweni yakho, bese uvumela umphefumulo wakho ukuba ubhubhe ngenxa yale ndaba?
35 Wathi kubo, Ngizama nsuku zonke ukumncenga, kodwa akavumi izifiso zami, futhi ngimthembise konke okuhle, kodwa angikwazanga ukubuyisa lutho kuye; ngakho-ke ngisesimweni esiwohlokayo njengoba nibona.
36 UZelika wagula kakhulu ngenxa yesifiso sakhe ngoJosefa, wagula kakhulu ngenxa yakhe, bonke abantu bendlu kaZelika nomyeni wakhe babengazi lutho ngale ndaba, ukuthi uZelika wayegula ngenxa yothando lwakhe kuJosefa.
37 Bonke abantu bendlu yakhe bambuza bathi: "Kungani ugula futhi ubuthakathaka, ungasweli lutho?" Wathi kubo: "Angazi ukuthi lokhu kungihlupha imihla ngemihla."
38 Bonke abesifazane nabangane bakhe babeza nsuku zonke ukuzombona, futhi babekhuluma naye, wathi kubo, Lokhu kungenzeka kuphela ngothando lukaJosefa; bathi kuye, Mkhohliseni nimbambe ngasese, mhlawumbe angakulalela, futhi asuse lokhu kufa kuwe.
39 UZelika waba mubi kakhulu ngenxa yothando lwakhe kuJosefa, waqhubeka ewohloka, waze waba namandla okuma.
40 Kwathi ngolunye usuku uJosefa wayenza umsebenzi wenkosi yakhe endlini, uZelika weza ngasese wamhlangabeza ngokuzumayo, uJosefa wamvukela, futhi wayenamandla kunaye, wamwisa phansi.
41 UZelika wakhala ngenxa yesifiso senhliziyo yakhe ngaye, wamncenga ngokukhala, izinyembezi zakhe zehla ezihlathini zakhe, wakhuluma naye ngezwi lokuncenga nangomunyu womphefumulo, ethi:
42 Wake wezwa, wabona noma wazi ngowesifazane omuhle kangaka njengami, noma ongcono kunami, okhuluma nawe nsuku zonke, ewa ngenxa yothando ngawe, ekunika lonke lolu dumo, kodwa awufuni ukulalela izwi lami?

43 Uma kungenxa yokwesaba inkosi yakho funa ikujezise, kuphila kwenkosi akukho okubi okuzokwehlela enkosini yakho ngale nto; manje-ke, ngicela ungilalele, uvume ngenxa yodumo engikunike lona, ususe lokhu kufa kimi, futhi kungani kufanele ngife ngenxa yakho? Wabe eseyeka ukukhuluma.
44 UJosefa waphendula wathi: "Yeka ukungibheka, ushiye le ndaba enkosini yami; bheka, inkosi yami ayazi ukuthi kukhonani kimi endlini, ngokuba konke okungokwayo ikunikele esandleni sami; ngingazenza kanjani lezi zinto endlini yenkosi yami na?"
45 Ngoba ungidumise kakhulu endlini yakhe, wangibeka njengombonisi phezu kwendlu yakhe, wangiphakamisa, futhi akekho omkhulu kunami kule ndlu, futhi inkosi yami ayingigodlelanga lutho, ngaphandle kwakho njengomkayo, pho ungakhuluma kanjani la mazwi kimi, futhi ngingenza kanjani lobu bubi obukhulu nesono kuNkulunkulu nakumyeni wakho?
46 Ngakho-ke yeka ukungibheka, ungabe usakhuluma amazwi anjengalawa, ngokuba angiyikulalela amazwi akho." Kodwa uZelika akavumanga ukumlalela uJosefa lapho ekhuluma lawa mazwi kuye, kodwa wayemyenga imihla ngemihla ukuba amlalele.
47 Ngemva kwalokho umfudlana waseGibhithe wagcwala ngaphezu kwazo zonke izinhlangothi zawo, futhi bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe baphuma, kanye nenkosi nezikhulu baphuma bephethe izigubhu nemidanso, ngoba kwakuyintokozo enkulu eGibhithe, kanye neholide ngesikhathi sokukhukhula kolwandle iSihori, futhi baya lapho ukuyojabula usuku lonke.
48 Kwathi lapho abaseGibhithe bephuma beya emfuleni ukuyojabula, njengoba kwakunjalo, bonke abantu bendlu kaPotifari bahamba nabo, kodwa uZelika akavumanga ukuhamba nabo, ngoba wathi, "Angithandi," wahlala yedwa endlini, kungekho muntu owayenaye endlini.
49 Wasukuma wakhuphukela ethempelini lakhe endlini, wagqoka izingubo zobukhosi, wabeka ekhanda lakhe amatshe ayigugu e-onikisi, ahlotshiswe ngesiliva negolide, wahlobisa ubuso bakhe nesikhumba sakhe ngazo zonke izinhlobo zoketshezi lokuhlanza lwabesifazane, wagcoba ithempeli nendlu nge-kasiya nenhlaka, wagcoba i-mure ne-alo, wabe esehlala emnyango wethempeli, endleleni yendlu, lapho uJosefa ayedlula khona ukuyokwenza umsebenzi wakhe, futhi bheka uJosefa evela ensimini, wangena endlini ukuyokwenza umsebenzi wenkosi yakhe.
50 Wafika endaweni okwakumelwe adlule kuyo, wabona wonke umsebenzi kaZelika, waphenduka.
51 Kwathi uZelika ebona uJosefa efulathela kuye, wamemeza kuye, wathi: "Unani Josefa? Woza emsebenzini wakho, bheka, ngizokwenzela indawo uze udlule esihlalweni sakho."
52 UJosefa wabuya wafika endlini, wadlula lapho waya endaweni yakhe yokuhlala, wahlala phansi ukwenza umsebenzi wenkosi yakhe njengenjwayelo, bheka uZelika weza kuye wema phambi kwakhe egqoke izingubo zobukhosi, futhi iphunga lezingubo zakhe lasakazeka kude.
53 Washesha wabamba uJosefa nezingubo zakhe, wathi kuye, Njengoba inkosi iphila uma ungasifezi isicelo sami uzokufa namuhla, washesha welula esinye isandla sakhe wahosha inkemba ngaphansi kwezingubo zakhe, wayibeka entanyeni kaJosefa, wathi, Sukuma wenze isicelo sami, uma kungenjalo uzofa namuhla.
54 UJosefa wayemesaba ngoba wayesenza lokhu, wasukuma ukubaleka kuye, wabamba ingubo yakhe yangaphambili, kwathi esesaba ukubaleka kwakhe, ingubo uZelika ayithathayo yaklebhuka. UJosefa washiya ingubo esandleni sikaZelika, wabaleka waphuma, ngokuba wayesaba.
55 Kwathi uZelika ebona ukuthi ingubo kaJosefa idatshuliwe, nokuthi wayeyishiyile esandleni sakhe, wabaleka, wesaba impilo yakhe, funa umbiko usakazeke ngaye, wasukuma wenza ngobuqili, wakhumula izingubo ayezigqokile, wagqoka ezinye izingubo zakhe.
56 Wathatha ingubo kaJosefa, wayibeka eceleni kwakhe, wahamba wayohlala endaweni ayehleli kuyo ekuguleni kwakhe, ngaphambi kokuba abantu bendlu yakhe baphume baye emfuleni, wabiza umfana omncane owayesendlini ngaleso sikhathi, wamyala ukuba abizele abantu bendlu kuye.
57 Kwathi ebabona, wathi kubo ngezwi elikhulu nangokulila: "Bhekani, umHebheru ongiletheleni endlini, ngokuba uze namuhla ukuzolala nami."
58 Ngoba lapho usuphumile weza endlini, futhi ebona ukuthi akukho muntu endlini, weza kimi, wangibamba ngenhloso yokulala nami.
59 Ngathatha izingubo zakhe ngaziklebhula, ngamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, kwathi lapho ngiphakamisa izwi lami wesaba impilo yakhe, washiya ingubo yakhe phambi kwami, wabaleka.
60 Abantu bendlu yakhe abakhulumanga lutho, kodwa ulaka lwabo lwavutha kakhulu kuJosefa, baya enkosini yakhe bamtshela amazwi obuqili bakhe.
61 UPotifari wafika ekhaya ethukuthele, umkakhe wamemeza kuye, wathi: "Kuyini lokhu okwenzile kimi ngokuletha inceku endlini yami, ngokuba ize kimi namuhla ukuzodlala nami; wenze kanjalo kimi namuhla."
62 UPotifari wezwa amazwi omkakhe, wayala ukuba uJosefa ajeziswe ngemivimbo enzima, futhi bakwenza lokho kuye.
63 Kwathi besamshaya, uJosefa wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, waphakamisa amehlo akhe ezulwini, wathi, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, uyazi ukuthi anginacala kuzo zonke lezi zinto, futhi kungani ngizokufa namuhla ngamanga, ngesandla salaba bantu ababi abangasokile, obaziyo?
64 Kwathi ngesikhathi amadoda kaPotifari emshaya uJosefa, waqhubeka ekhala futhi ekhala, futhi kwakukhona umntwana lapho onezinyanga eziyishumi nanye ubudala, uJehova wavula umlomo womntwana, wakhuluma la mazwi phambi kwamadoda kaPotifari, ayeshaya uJosefa, ethi,
65 Ufunani kulo muntu, futhi kungani umenzela okubi kangaka? Umama ukhuluma amanga futhi uqamba amanga; kwaba njalo-ke ukuthengiselana.
66 Umntwana wabatshela konke okwenzekileyo, futhi wonke amazwi kaZelika kuJosefa wawamemezela kubo usuku nosuku.
67 Bonke amadoda ezwa amazwi omntwana futhi amangala kakhulu ngamazwi omntwana, umntwana wayeka ukukhuluma wathula.

68 UPotifari waba namahloni kakhulu ngamazwi endodana yakhe, wayala amadoda akhe ukuba angabe esamshaya uJosefa, amadoda ayeka ukumshaya uJosefa.
69 UPotifari wamthatha uJosefa wayaleza ukuba alethwe phambi kwabapristi, ababengabahluleli benkosi, ukuze bamehlulele ngale ndaba.
70 UPotifari noJosefa beza phambi kwabapristi ababengabahluleli benkosi, wathi kubo, Ngicela ninqume ukuthi yisiphi isahlulelo esifanele inceku, ngoba yenze kanjalo.
71 Abapristi bathi kuJosefa: "Nikwenzeleni lokhu enkosini yenu na?" UJosefa wabaphendula wathi: "Akunjalo makhosi ami, kube njalo." UPotifari wathi kuJosefa: "Impela ngikunike konke okwami ezandleni zakho, futhi angikugodlelanga lutho ngaphandle komkami, futhi ungakwenza kanjani lokhu okubi?"
72 UJosefa waphendula wathi: "Akunjalo nkosi, kuphila kukaJehova nokuphila komphefumulo wakho, nkosi yami, izwi olizwile kumkakho alilona iqiniso, ngokuba kube njalo namuhla."
73 Sekuphele unyaka kimi selokhu ngisendlini yakho; ingabe ubonile ububi kimi, noma yini engakwenza ufune impilo yami?
74 Abapristi bathi kuPotifari: "Thumela, sicela, ukuba balethe ingubo kaJosefa edabukile phambi kwethu, sibone ukudabuka kwayo, futhi uma kuwukuthi ukudabuka kuphambi kwengubo, khona-ke ubuso bakhe babubhekene naye futhi kumelwe ukuba wambamba, ukuze eze kuye, futhi umkakho wenza konke akushilo ngenkohliso."
75 Base beletha ingubo kaJosefa phambi kwabapristi ababengabahluleli, babona futhi bheka ukudabuka kwakuphambi kukaJosefa, futhi bonke abapristi abahluleli bazi ukuthi wayemcindezele, base bethi, Isigwebo sokufa asifanele lesi sigqila ngoba akenzanga lutho, kodwa isahlulelo sakhe, ukuthi sifakwe etilongweni ngenxa yombiko, ophume ngaye ngokumelene nomkakho.
76 UPotifari wezwa amazwi abo, wambeka etilongweni, indawo lapho iziboshwa zenkosi zivalelwe khona, uJosefa wahlala endlini yokuboshwa iminyaka eyishumi nambili.
77 Naphezu kwalokhu, umkankosi yakhe akasukanga kuye, futhi akayekanga ukukhuluma naye imihla ngemihla ukumlalela, kwathi ekupheleni kwezinyanga ezintathu uZelika waqhubeka eya kuJosefa endlini yokuboshwa imihla ngemihla, wamnxenxa ukuba amlalele, uZelika wathi kuJosefa: "Uzohlala isikhathi esingakanani kule ndlu? Kodwa lalela izwi lami manje, ngizokukhipha kule ndlu."
78 UJosefa wamphendula wathi: "Kungcono kimi ukuhlala kule ndlu kunokulalela amazwi akho, ngone kuNkulunkulu." Wathi kuye: "Uma ungakwenzi engikucelayo, ngizokhipha amehlo akho, ngifake izibopho ezinyaweni zakho, ngikunikele ezandleni zalabo obungabazi ngaphambili."
79 UJosefa wamphendula wathi, Bheka, uNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke uyakwazi ukungikhulula kukho konke ongakwenza kimi, ngokuba uvula amehlo ezimpumputhe, akhulule labo ababoshiweyo, alondoloze bonke abafokazi abangajwayelene nezwe.
80 Kwathi lapho uZelika engakwazi ukuncenga uJosefa ukuba amlalele, wayeka ukuya kuyenga; uJosefa wayesevalelwe endlini yokuvalelwa. UJakobe uyise kaJosefa, nabo bonke abafowabo ababesezweni laseKhanani baqhubeka nokulila nokulila ngalezo zinsuku ngenxa kaJosefa, ngoba uJakobe wenqaba ukududuzwa ngendodana yakhe uJosefa, uJakobe wakhala kakhulu, wakhala futhi wakhala zonke lezo zinsuku.

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1 Kwathi ngaleso sikhathi ngalowo nyaka, okungumnyaka wehlela kukaJosefa eGibithe, abafowabo sebemthengisile, uRubeni indodana kaJakobe waya eThimna, wamthathela u-Eliurami indodakazi ka-Avi umKhanani, abe ngumkakhe; wangena kuye.
2 U-Eliuramu umkaRubeni wakhulelwa, wamzalela uHanoki, noPalu, noHesironi, noKarmi, amadodana amane; uSimeyoni umfowabo wathatha udadewabo uDina, waba ngumkakhe; wamzalela uMemuweli, noJamini, no-Ohade, noJakini, noZokari, amadodana ayisihlanu.
3 Wafika kuBuna owesifazane waseKhanani, okungukuthi uBuna owathunjwa nguSimeyoni emzini waseShekemi, uBuna wayephambi kukaDina, emkhonza; uSimeyoni wafika kuye, wamzalela uSawule.
4 UJuda waya ngaleso sikhathi e-Adulamu, wafika kumuntu wase-Adulamu ogama lakhe linguHira; uJuda wabona lapho indodakazi yomuntu waseKhanani ogama lakhe lingu-Aliyati, indodakazi kaShuwa; wayithatha, wangena kuyo; u-Aliyati wamzalela uJuda, u-Eri, no-Onani, noShilo; amadodana amathathu.
5 ULevi no-Isakare bahamba baya ezweni lasempumalanga, bazithathela amadodakazi kaJobabi indodana kaJokathani, indodana ka-Ebere; uJobabi indodana kaJokathani wayenamadodakazi amabili; igama lenkulu kwakungu-Adina, igama lencane kwakungu-Arida.
6 ULevi wathatha u-Adina, u-Isakare wathatha u-Arida, bafika ezweni laseKhanani endlini kayise; u-Adina wazala uLevi, noGereshoni, noKehati, noMerari; amadodana amathathu.
7 U-Arida wazala u-Isakare uThola, noPhuva, noJobe noShimroni, amadodana amane; uDani waya ezweni lakwaMowabi, wathatha u-Afeleti, indodakazi kaHamudani umMowabi, waba ngumkakhe, wamyisa ezweni laseKhanani.
8 U-Afeleti wayeyinyumba, engenabantwana, uNkulunkulu wamkhumbula u-Afeleti umkaDani; wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uKhushimu.
9 UGadi noNafetali baya eHarana, bathatha amadodakazi ka-Amurami indodana ka-Uzi, indodana kaNahori, ukuba abe ngabafazi babo.
10 Lawa ngamagama amadodakazi ka-Amurami; igama lenkulu kwakunguMerima, igama lencane kwakungu-Uzithi; uNafetali wathatha uMerima, uGadi wathatha u-Uzithi; wabayisa ezweni laseKhanani endlini kayise.
11 UMerima wazala uNafetali, uJazeyeli, uGuni, uJazeri noShalemi, amadodana amane; u-Uzithi wazala uGadi uZefoni, noHagi, noShuni, no-Esiboni, no-Eri, no-Arodi, no-Arali, amadodana ayisikhombisa.
12 U-Asheri waphuma, wathatha u-Adoni indodakazi ka-Afelali, indodana kaHadadi, indodana ka-Ishmayeli, abe ngumkakhe, wamyisa ezweni laseKhanani.
13 U-Adoni umka-Asheri wafa ngalezo zinsuku; wayengenabantwana; kwathi emva kokufa kuka-Adoni u-Asheri waya ngaphesheya koMfula, wathatha uHadura

indodakazi ka-Abimayeli, indodana ka-Ebere, indodana kaShemi, abe ngumkakhe.
14 Intombi yayiyinhle, ihlakaniphile, yayingumkaMalikiyeli indodana ka-Elamu kaShemi.
15 UHadura wamzalela uMalikiyeli indodakazi, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uSeraki. UMalikiyeli wafa emva kwalokho, uHadura wahamba wahlala endlini kayise.
16 Ngemva kokufa komkakhe kwa-Asheri, wahamba wathatha uHadura waba ngumkakhe, wamyisa ezweni laseKhanani, kanye noSera indodakazi yakhe, wahamba nabo; wayeneminyaka emithathu ubudala, intombazana yakhuliswa endlini kaJakobe.
17 Intombi yayibukeka kahle, yahamba ngezindlela ezingcwele zabantwana bakaJakobe; yayingaswelanga lutho, uJehova wayinika ukuhlakanipha nokuqonda.
18 UHadura, umka-Asheri, wakhulelwa, wamzalela u-Imna, no-Ishva, no-Ishvi, noBeriya; amadodana amane.
19 UZebuloni waya kwaMidiyani, wathatha uMerisha indodakazi kaMoladi, indodana ka-Abida, indodana kaMidiyani, waba ngumkakhe, wamyisa ezweni laseKhanani.
20 UMerusha wamzalela uZebuloni uSeredi, no-Eloni, noJahaleli; amadodana amathathu.
21 UJakobe wathumela e-Aramu, indodana kaZoba, indodana kaThera, wathatha uBenjamini, indodakazi ka-Aramu, waba yindodana yakhe, wafika ezweni laseKhanani endlini kaJakobe; uBenjamini wayeneminyaka eyishumi ubudala lapho ethatha uMekaliya, indodakazi ka-Aramu, abe ngumkakhe.
22 UMekaliya wakhulelwa, wazala uBenjamini, uBekeri, u-Ashibeli, uGera noNahamani, amadodana ayisihlanu; uBenjamini wahamba, wathatha u-Aribati, indodakazi kaShomroni, indodana ka-Abrahama, waba ngumkakhe, ngaphezu komkakhe wokuqala; wayeneminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili ubudala; u-Aribati wazala uBenjamini u-Aki, noVoshi, noMupimi, noKhupimi, no-Ord; amadodana ayisihlanu.
23 Ngalezo zinsuku uJuda waya endlini kaShemi, wathatha uTamari indodakazi ka-Elamu, indodana kaShemi, ukuba abe ngumkakhe wezibulo lakhe u-Eri.
24 U-Eri wafika kumkakhe uTamari, waba ngumkakhe; kwathi lapho efika kuye wabhubhisa inzalo yakhe ngaphandle, umsebenzi wakhe waba mubi emehlweni kaJehova, uJehova wambulala.
25 Kwathi ngemva kokufa kuka-Eri, izibulo likaJuda, uJuda wathi ku-Onani: “Yiya kumkamfowenu, umthathe abe yisihlobo sakho, umvusele umfowenu inzalo.”
26 U-Onani wathatha uTamari waba ngumkakhe, weza kuye, no-Onani wenza njengomsebenzi womfowabo, umsebenzi wakhe waba mubi emehlweni kaJehova, wambulala naye.
27 Kwathi u-Onani esefile, uJuda wathi kuTamari: “Hlala endlini kayihlo, aze akhule uShilo indodana yami.” UJuda akasathandanga ukumnika uTamari kuShilo, ngokuba wathi: “Mhlawumbe naye angafa njengabafowabo.”
28 UTamari wasuka wahamba wahlala endlini kayise, uTamari wahlala endlini kayise isikhathi esithile.
29 Kwathi ngoguquko lonyaka, u-Aliyathi umkaJuda wafa; uJuda waduduzeka ngomkakhe, kwathi ngemva kokufa kuka-Aliyathi, uJuda wakhuphuka nomngane wakhe uHira baya eThimna ukuyogunda izimvu zabo.
30 UTamari wezwa ukuthi uJuda ukhuphukele eThimna ukuyogunda izimvu, nokuthi iShilo selikhulile, nokuthi uJuda wayengamthandi.
31 UTamari wasukuma, wakhumula izingubo zakhe zobufelokazi, wazimboza ngendwangu, wazimboza ngokuphelele, wahamba wahlala emgwaqweni omkhulu, osendleleni eya eThimna.
32 UJuda wadlula wambona, wamthatha, wangena kuye; wakhulelwa nguye. Ngesikhathi sokubeletha, bheka, kwakukhona amawele esiswini sakhe; waqamba igama lowokuqala ngokuthi uPheresi, nowesibili ngokuthi uZera.

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1 Ngalezo zinsuku uJosefa wayesaboshiwe etilongweni laseGibhithe.
2 Ngaleso sikhathi izinceku zikaFaro zazimi phambi kwakhe, induna yabaphathizitsha nenduna yabapheki benkosi yaseGibhithe.
3 Umphathi wewayini wathatha iwayini walibeka phambi kwenkosi ukuba iphuze, nompheki wesinkwa wabeka isinkwa phambi kwenkosi ukuba idle, inkosi yaphuza iwayini yadla isinkwa, yona nezinceku zayo nezikhonzi ezazidla etafuleni lenkosi.
4 Kwathi besadla, bephuza, umphathizitsha nomphekizinkwa bahlala lapho; izinceku zikaFaro zathola izimpukane eziningi ewayinini elalilethwe umphathizitsha, namatshe e-nitre atholakala esinkweni somphekizinkwa.
5 Induna yabalindi yamenza uJosefa ukuba abe yinceku yezikhulu zikaFaro, izikhulu zikaFaro zavalelwa ejele unyaka wonke.
6 Kwathi ekupheleni konyaka baphupha amaphupho bobabili ngobusuku obubodwa, bevalelwe lapho babevalelwe khona; kwathi ekuseni uJosefa wafika kubo ukuba ababheke njengenjwayelo; wababona, bheka, ubuso babo babudabukile, bedabukile.
7 UJosefa wababuza wathi: “Kungani ubuso benu budabukile futhi budabukile namuhla?” Bathi kuye: “Siphuphe iphupho, kodwa akekho ongalichaza.” UJosefa wathi kubo: “Ngitsheleni iphupho lenu, uNkulunkulu uzakuninika impendulo yokuthula njengoba nifisa.”
8 Umphathizitsha wamlandisa iphupho lakhe uJosefa, wathi: “Ngibonile ephusheni lami, bheka, kwakukhona umvini omkhulu phambi kwami; phezu kwalowo mvini ngabona amagatsha amathathu; umvini wahluma ngokushesha, wakhula waba mude kakhulu, amahlukuzo awo avuthwa, aba amagilebhisi.”
9 Ngathatha izithelo zomvini, ngazikhamela endebeni, ngazibeka esandleni sikaFaro, waphuza; uJosefa wathi kuye: “Amagatsha amathathu ayesemvinini ayizinsuku ezintathu.”
10 Kungakapheli izinsuku ezintathu, inkosi izokuyala ukuba ukhishwe, ikubuyisele esikhundleni sakho, uyinike inkosi iwayini layo njengakuqala lapho wawungumphathi wezitsha zayo; kodwa mangithole umusa emehlweni akho, ungikhumbule kuFaro, lapho kuzokuhambela kahle, ungenzele umusa, ungikhiphe kule ndlu yokuboshwa, ngokuba ngebiwe ezweni laseKhanani, ngathengiswa njengesigqila kule ndawo.
11 Futhi lokho okutshelwe wena ngomkankosi yami kungamanga, ngokuba bangifake kuleli jele ngeze;

umphathizitsha waphendula uJosefa, wathi: “Uma inkosi ingenzela okuhle njengakuqala, njengalokho ungichazele khona ekugcineni, ngizokwenza konke okufisayo, ngikukhiphe kuleli jele.”
12 Umbhaki wezinkwa ebona ukuthi uJosefa uchaze kahle iphupho lomphathi wezinkwa, naye wasondela, wamlandisa lonke iphupho lakhe.
13 Wathi kuye: “Ephusheni lami ngibone izitsha ezintathu ezimhlophe ekhanda lami, ngabheka, futhi bheka, kwakukhona ebhasikidini eliphezulu izinhlobo zonke zokudla okubhakiwe kukaFaro, nezinyoni zazikudla ekhanda lami.”
14 UJosefa wathi kuye: “Amaqoma amathathu owabonileyo ayizinsuku ezintathu; kungakapheli izinsuku ezintathu uFaro uzakususa ikhanda lakho, akulengise emthini; izinyoni ziyakudla inyama yakho, njengalokho ubonile ephusheni lakho.”
15 Ngalezo zinsuku indlovukazi yayisizobeletha, futhi ngalolo suku yazalela inkosi yaseGibhithe indodana, futhi bamemezela ukuthi inkosi ithole indodana yayo yokuqala futhi bonke abantu baseGibhithe kanye nezikhulu nezinceku zikaFaro bajabula kakhulu.
16 Ngosuku lwesithathu lokuzalwa kwakhe uFaro wenzela izikhulu zakhe nezinceku zakhe idili, amabutho aseZowari nasezweni laseGibhithe.
17 Bonke abantu baseGibhithe kanye nezinceku zikaFaro beza ukuzodla nokuphuza nenkosi edilini lendodana yayo, nokujabulela injabulo yenkosi.
18 Zonke izikhulu zenkosi nezinceku zayo zazijabule ngaleso sikhathi izinsuku eziyisishiyagalombili edilini, zajabula ngazo zonke izinhlobo zezinsimbi zomculo, ngezigubhu nangokusina endlini yenkosi izinsuku eziyisishiyagalombili.
19 Umphathizitsha, uJosefa ayemchazele iphupho lakhe, wamkhohlwa uJosefa, futhi akamtshelanga inkosi njengoba ayethembisile, ngoba lokhu kwakuvela kuJehova ukuze amjezise uJosefa ngoba wayethembele kumuntu.
20 Ngemva kwalokhu uJosefa wahlala entolongweni iminyaka emibili, waze waqeda iminyaka eyishumi nambili.

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1 U-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama wayesekhona ngalezo zinsuku ezweni laseKhanani; wayesemdala kakhulu, eneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili ubudala; u-Esawu indodana yakhe, umfowabo kaJakobe, wayesezweni lakwa-Edomi; yena namadodana akhe babenefa kulo phakathi kwabantwana baseSeyiri.
2 U-Esawu wezwa ukuthi isikhathi sikayise sesisondele sokufa, wafika yena namadodana akhe nomndeni wakhe ezweni laseKhanani endlini kayise, uJakobe namadodana akhe baphuma endaweni ababehlala kuyo eHebroni, bafika bonke kuyise u-Isaka, bathola u-Esawu namadodana akhe etendeni.
3 UJakobe namadodana akhe bahlala phansi phambi kukayise u-Isaka, uJakobe wayesalilela indodana yakhe uJosefa.
4 U-Isaka wathi kuJakobe: “Ngilethele amadodana akho, ngiwabusise.” UJakobe waletha amadodana akhe ayishumi nanye phambi kukayise u-Isaka.
5 U-Isaka wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwawo wonke amadodana kaJakobe, wawabamba, wawagona, wawanga ngamunye ngamunye, u-Isaka wababusisa ngalolo suku, wathi kubo: “UNkulunkulu wawoyihlo makanibusise, andise inzalo yenu njengezinkanyezi zezulu ngobuningi.”
6 U-Isaka wabusisa amadodana ka-Esawu, wathi: “UNkulunkulu makakwenze ube yingebhe nokwesaba kubo bonke abakubonayo nakubo bonke abakuzondayo.”
7 U-Isaka wabiza uJakobe namadodana akhe, bonke beza bahlala phambi kuka-Isaka, u-Isaka wathi kuJakobe: “UJehova uNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke uthé kimi: ‘Ngizonika inzalo yakho leli zwe libe yifa layo, uma abantwana bakho begcina izimiso zami nezindlela zami, futhi ngizogcwalisa kubo isifungo engasifunga ku-Abrahama uyihlo.’
8 Ngakho-ke ndodana yami, fundisa abantwana bakho nabantwana babantwana bakho ukwesaba uJehova, nokuhamba ngendlela enhle ezomjabulisa uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, ngokuba uma ugcina izindlela zikaJehova nezimiso zakhe, uJehova uyakukugcina nawe isivumelwano sakhe no-Abrahama, akwenzele okuhle wena nenzalo yakho izinsuku zonke.
9 Kwathi u-Isaka eseqedile ukuyala uJakobe namadodana akhe, wagqibuka, wafa, wabuthelwa kubantu bakubo.
10 UJakobe no-Esawu bawa ebusweni bukayise u-Isaka, bakhala, u-Isaka wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili ubudala lapho eshona ezweni laseKhanani, eHebroni, amadodana akhe amyisa emhumeni waseMakaphela, u-Abrahama ayewuthengile kubantwana bakwaHeti ukuba ube yindawo yokungcwaba.
11 Onke amakhosi asezweni laseKhanani ahamba noJakobe no-Esawu ukuyomngcwaba u-Isaka, futhi wonke amakhosi aseKhanani amdumisa kakhulu u-Isaka ekufeni kwakhe.
12 Amadodana kaJakobe namadodana ka-Esawu ahamba ngezinyawo, ehamba ekhala, aze afika eKiriyati-Arba.
13 UJakobe no-Esawu bammbela uyise u-Isaka emhumeni waseMakaphela oseKireyati-Arba eHebroni; bamngcwaba ngenhlonipho enkulu njengasekungcwabeni kwamakhosi.
14 UJakobe namadodana akhe, no-Esawu namadodana akhe, nawo onke amakhosi aseKhanani benza isililo esikhulu nesinzima, bamngcwaba, bamlilela izinsuku eziningi.
15 Kwathi ekufeni kuka-Isaka, washiya izinkomo zakhe nempahla yakhe nakho konke okwakungokwakhe emadodaneni akhe; u-Esawu wathi kuJakobe, Bheka, ngiyakuncenga, konke okushiywe ngubaba sizokwahlukanisa kabili, mina ngibe nokukhetha, uJakobe wathi, Sizokwenza kanjalo.
16 UJakobe wathatha konke u-Isaka ayekushiyile ezweni laseKhanani, izinkomo nempahla, wakubeka izabelo ezimbili phambi kuka-Esawu namadodana akhe. Wathi ku-Esawu: “Bheka konke lokhu kuphambi kwakho; khetha ingxenye ozoyithatha.”
17 UJakobe wathi ku-Esawu: “Ake uzwe engizakukusho kuwe, ngithi: ‘UJehova uNkulunkulu wezulu nomhlaba wakhuluma kobaba bethu u-Abrahama no-Isaka, wathi: ‘Ngizakunika inzalo yakho leli zwe libe yifa layo kuze kube phakade.’

18 Ngakho-ke konke okushiywe ngubaba kuphambi kwakho, futhi bheka, lonke izwe liphambi kwakho; khetha kubo lokho okufisayo.
19 Uma ufisa izwe lonke lithathele wena nabantwana bakho kuze kube phakade, mina ngizothatha le ngcebo, futhi uma ufisa ingcebo lithathele wena, futhi ngizothatha leli zwe libe ngelami nabantwana bami ukuze balidle ifa kuze kube phakade.
20 Ngaleso sikhathi uNebayoti, indodana ka-Ishmayeli, wayekulelo zwe kanye nabantwana bakhe, u-Esawu wahamba ngalolo suku, wabuza kuye, wathi:
21 UJakobe ukhulume kanje kimi, wangiphendula kanje; ake unikeze iseluleko sakho, sizokuzwa.
22 UNebayoti wathi: "Kuyini lokhu uJakobe akushilo kuwe? Bheka bonke abantwana baseKhanani bahlala ngokuphepha ezweni labo, futhi uJakobe uthi uzolidla ifa kanye nenzalo yakhe izinsuku zonke."
23 Ngakho-ke hamba uthathe yonke ingcebo kayihlo, ushiye uJakobe umfowenu ezweni, njengalokho eshilo.
24 U-Esawu wasuka wabuyela kuJakobe, wenza konke uNebayoti indodana ka-Ishmayeli ayekucebisile; u-Esawu wathatha yonke ingcebo u-Isaka ayeyishiyile, imiphefumulo, izilwane, izinkomo, nempahla, nayo yonke ingcebo; akamnikanga lutho uJakobe umfowabo; uJakobe wathatha lonke izwe laseKhanani, kusukela emfuleni waseGibhithe kuze kube semfuleni i-Ewufrathe, walithatha laba yifa laphakade, nelabantwana bakhe nenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe kuze kube phakade.
25 UJakobe wathatha nomhume waseMakaphela oseHebroni ku-Esawu umfowabo, u-Abrahama awuthenga ku-Efroni, ube yindawo yakhe yokungcwaba yena nenzalo yakhe kuze kube phakade.
26 UJakobe wabhala zonke lezi zinto encwadini yokuthenga, wayisayina, futhi wafakaza konke lokhu ngofakazi abane abathembekile.
27 Lawa ngamazwi uJakobe awabhala encwadini, ethi: Izwe laseKhanani nayo yonke imizi yamaHeti, amaHivi, amaJebusi, ama-Amori, amaPherizi, namaGerigashi, zonke izizwe eziyisikhombisa kusukela emfuleni waseGibhithe kuze kube semfuleni i-Ewufrathe.
28 Nomuzi waseHebroni iKireyati-Arba, nomhume okuwo, konke uJakobe akuthenge ku-Esawu umfowabo kube yinani, kube yifa nefa lenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe kuze kube phakade.
29 UJakobe wathatha incwadi yokuthenga, nesiginesha, nomyalo, nezimiso, nencwadi eyambuliweyo, wakufaka esitsheni sobumba ukuze kuhlale isikhathi eside, wakunikela ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
30 U-Esawu wathatha konke uyise ayemshiyele kona ngemva kokufa kwakhe kumfowabo uJakobe, wathatha yonke impahla, kusukela kubantu nasezifuyweni, ikamela nezimbongolo, izinkabi nemvu, isiliva negolide, amatshe nebhedola, nayo yonke ingcebo eyayingeka-Isaka indodana ka-Abrahama; akukho lutho olusele u-Esawu angazange aluthathe, kukho konke u-Isaka ayekushiyile ngemva kokufa kwakhe.
31 U-Esawu wathatha konke lokhu, yena nabantwana bakhe babuyela ekhaya ezweni laseSeyiri umHori, kude nomfowabo uJakobe nabantwana bakhe.
32 U-Esawu wayenefa phakathi kwabantwana baseSeyiri; u-Esawu akabuyelanga ezweni laseKhanani kusukela ngalolo suku kuqhubeke.
33 Lonke izwe laseKhanani laba yifa labantwana bakwa-Israyeli, libe yifa laphakade, u-Esawu nabo bonke abantwana bakhe badla ifa lentaba yaseSeyiri.

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1 Ngalezo zinsuku, ngemva kokufa kuka-Isaka, uJehova wayala, wabangela indlala emhlabeni wonke.
2 Ngaleso sikhathi uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wayehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi ezweni laseGibhithe, elele embhedeni wakhe, waphupha amaphupho; uFaro wabona ephusheni lakhe ukuthi wayemi eceleni komfula waseGibhithe.
3 Esami lapho wabona izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezikhuluphele nezibukeka kahle zikhuphuka emfuleni.
4 Kwaqhamuka nezinye izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezicakile nezimbi emva kwazo; eziyisikhombisa ezimbi zagwinya ezihle, kodwa zazisabukeka kabi njengakuqala.
5 Wavuka, walala futhi, waphupha okwesibili; wabona, bheka, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa zamabele zihluma ohlangeni olulodwa, zinkulu, zinhle; nezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezincane ezihangulwe ngumoya wasempumalanga zahluma emva kwazo; izikhwebu ezincane zagwinya ezigcwele; uFaro wavuka ephusheni lakhe.
6 Kwathi ekuseni inkosi yakhumbula amaphupho ayo, umoya wayo wakhathazeka kakhulu ngenxa yamaphupho ayo, inkosi yashesha yathumela ukuba kubizwe bonke abathakathi baseGibhithe nabahlakaniphileyo; beza bema phambi kukaFaro.
7 Inkosi yathi kubo: "Ngiphuphe amaphupho, akakho ongawachaza;" bathi enkosini: "Landisa amaphupho akho ezincekwini zakho, siwazwe."
8 Inkosi yabatshela amaphupho ayo, bonke baphendula ngazwi linye bathi enkosini: "Mayiphile inkosi kuze kube phakade; nansi incazelo yamaphupho akho."
9 Izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezinhle ozibonile zimelela amadodakazi ayisikhombisa ozozalelwa wona ezinsukwini zokugcina, nezinkomo eziyisikhombisa ozibonile zakhuphuka emva kwazo, zawagwinya, ziyisibonakaliso sokuthi amadodakazi ozozalelwa wona azofa wonke ngesikhathi senkosi.
10 Futhi lokho okubonile ephusheni lesibili lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezinhle ezigcwele zihluma ohlangeni olulodwa, nansi incazelo yazo, ukuthi uzozakhela imizi eyisikhombisa ezinsukwini ezizayo kulo lonke izwe laseGibhithe; nalokho okubonile kwezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezishisiwe zihluma ngemva kwazo futhi zigwinye ngenkathi uzibuka ngamehlo akho, kuyisibonakaliso sokuthi imizi ozoyakha iyobhujiswa yonke ezinsukwini zokugcina, ngesikhathi sokuphila kwenkosi.
11 Kwathi sebekhuluma lawa mazwi, inkosi ayizange ilalele amazwi abo, futhi ayizange ibeke inhliziyo yayo kuwo, ngoba inkosi yayazi ngokuhlakanipha kwayo ukuthi abazange banikeze incazelo efanele yamaphupho; kwathi sebeqedile ukukhuluma phambi kwenkosi, inkosi yabaphendula yathi: "Kuyini lokhu enikukhulume kimi?

Ngempela nikhulume amanga futhi nikhulume amanga; ngakho-ke manje nikezani incazelo efanele yamaphupho ami, ukuze ningafi.”
12 Inkosi yayala ngemva kwalokhu, yathumela futhi yabiza abanye abahlakaniphileyo, bafika bema phambi kwenkosi, inkosi yabalandisa amaphupho ayo kubo, bonke bayiphendula ngokwencazelo yokuqala, intukuthelo yenkosi yavutha kakhulu, yathi kubo: “Impela nikhuluma amanga futhi nikhuluma amanga kulokho enikushilo.”
13 Inkosi yayala ukuba kumenyezelwe isimemezelo kulo lonke izwe laseGibhithe, sithi: “Kunqunyiwe yinkosi nezikhulu zayo ukuthi noma ngubani ohlakaniphileyo owaziyo noqonda incazelo yamaphupho, futhi ongeke eze phambi kwenkosi namuhla, makafe.”
14 Umuntu ozotshela inkosi incazelo efanele yamaphupho akhe, uzonikwa konke azokucela enkosini. Bonke abahlakaniphileyo basezweni laseGibhithe beza phambi kwenkosi, kanye nabo bonke abathakathi nabathakathi ababeseGibhithe naseGosheni, eRamesesi, eTakiphankesi, eZowari, nakuzo zonke izindawo emingceleni yaseGibhithe, bonke bema phambi kwenkosi.
15 Bonke abahlonishwayo nezikhulu, nezinceku zenkosi, bahlangana bevela emizini yonke yaseGibhithe, bahlala bonke phambi kwenkosi, inkosi yalandisa amaphupho ayo phambi kwabahlakaniphileyo nezikhulu, nabo bonke ababehlezi phambi kwenkosi bamangala ngombono.
16 Bonke abahlakaniphileyo ababephambi kwenkosi bahlukana kakhulu ekuchazeni amaphupho ayo; abanye babo bawachazela inkosi, bathi: “Izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezinhle zingamakhosi ayisikhombisa, azovela esizukulwaneni senkosi phezu kweGibhithe.”
17 Izinkomo ezimbi eziyisikhombisa ziyizikhulu eziyisikhombisa, ezizomelana nazo ezinsukwini zokugcina futhi zizibhubhise; futhi izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa zamabele ziyizikhulu ezinkulu eziyisikhombisa zaseGibhithe, ezizowela ezandleni zezikhulu eziyisikhombisa ezingenamandla zezitha zazo, ezimpini zenkosi yethu inkosi.
18 Abanye babo bachazela inkosi ngale ndlela, bathi: “Izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezinhle ziyimizi enamandla yaseGibhithe, kanti izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezimbi ziyizizwe eziyisikhombisa zezwe laseKhanani, ezizohlasela imizi eyisikhombisa yaseGibhithe ezinsukwini zokugcina, ziyibhubhise.”
19 Futhi lokho okubonile ephusheni lesibili, lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezinhle nezimbi, kuyisibonakaliso sokuthi uhulumeni waseGibhithe uzophinde abuyele enzalweni yakho njengasekuqaleni.
20 Futhi ekubuseni kwakhe abantu basemizini yaseGibhithe bayophendukela imizi eyisikhombisa yaseKhanani enamandla kunabo, futhi bayoyibhubhisa, futhi umbuso waseGibhithe uyobuyela enzalweni yakho.
21 Abanye babo bathi enkosini: “Nansi incazelo yamaphupho akho; izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezinhle ziyizindlovukazi eziyisikhombisa, ozozithatha zibe ngabafazi bazo ezinsukwini zokugcina, futhi izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezimbi zisho ukuthi labo besifazane bonke bazokufa ngesikhathi inkosi isaphila.”
22 Izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezinhle nezimbi ozibonile ephusheni lesibili zingabantwana abayishumi nane, futhi kuzothi ezinsukwini zokugcina bavuke balwe bodwa, futhi abayisikhombisa kubo bazoshaya abayisikhombisa abanamandla kakhulu.
23 Abanye babo basho la mazwi enkosini, bathi: “Izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezinhle zisho ukuthi uzozalelwa abantwana abayisikhombisa, futhi zizobulala abantwana abayisikhombisa babantwana bakho ezinsukwini zokugcina; futhi izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezinhle zokusanhlamvu ozibonile ephusheni lesibili, yilezo zikhulu ezinye izikhulu eziyisikhombisa ezingenamandla zizokulwa nazo futhi zizibhubhise ezinsukwini zokugcina, futhi ziphindisele icala labantwana bakho, futhi umbuso uzophinde ubuyele enzalweni yakho.”
24 Inkosi yasizwa wonke amazwi abahlakaniphileyo baseGibhithe kanye lokuchasiswa kwamaphupho ayo, kodwa kakho owamthokozisayo.
25 Inkosi yazi ngokuhlakanipha kwayo ukuthi babengakhulumi kahle kuwo wonke lawa mazwi, ngoba lokhu kwakuvela eNkosini ukuze ichithe amazwi ezihlakaniphi zaseGibhithe, ukuze uJosefa aphume endlini yokuboshwa, futhi abe mkhulu eGibhithe.
26 Inkosi yabona ukuthi akukho noyedwa phakathi kwabahlakaniphileyo nabathakathi baseGibhithe owayekhuluma kahle kuyo, ulaka lwenkosi lwavutha, intukuthelo yayo yavutha ngaphakathi kwayo.
27 Inkosi yayala ukuba bonke abahlakaniphileyo nabathakathi baphume phambi kwayo, futhi bonke baphuma phambi kwenkosi benamahloni futhi behlazekile.
28 Inkosi yayala ukuba kuthunyelwe isimemezelo kulo lonke elaseGibhithe sokuba kubulawe bonke abathakathi baseGibhithe, kungashiywa muntu kubo ukuba aphile.
29 Izinduna zabalindi benkosi zasukuma, yilowo nalowo wahosha inkemba yakhe, baqala ukubulala izanusi zaseGibhithe, nabahlakaniphileyo.
30 Ngemva kwalokho uMerodi, induna yabaphathizitsha benkosi, weza wakhothama phambi kwenkosi, wahlala phambi kwayo.
31 Umphathizitsha wathi enkosini: “Inkosi mayiphile kuze kube phakade, umbuso wayo uphakanyiswe ezweni.”
32 Wawuthukuthelele inceku yakho ngalezo zinsuku, eminyakeni emibili edlule, wangifaka esitokisini; mina kanye nenduna yabapheki bezinkwa ngangisesitokisini isikhathi esithile.
33 Kwakukhona nathi inceku engumHebheru, inceku yenduna yabalindi, igama layo kwakunguJosefa, ngokuba inkosi yayo yayithukuthelele, yayifaka endlini yokuboshwa, yasikhonza lapho.
34 Kwathi ngemva kwesikhathi esithile sisesitokisini, saphupha amaphupho ngobusuku obubodwa, mina nenduna yabapheki; saphupha, yilowo nalowo ngokokuchazwa kwephupho lakhe.
35 Safika ekuseni sazitshela leyo nceku, yasichazela amaphupho ethu, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngokwephupho lakhe, ingabe yawachaza kahle.
36 Kwathi njengoba esichazele, kwaba njalo nangesenzakalo; akuwelanga phansi nelilodwa lamazwi akhe.
37 Ngakho-ke manje nkosi yami nenkosi yami ningababulali abantu baseGibhithe ngeze; bheka leso sigqila sisavalelwe endlini yinduna yabalindi inkosi yaso, endlini yokuboshwa.

38 Uma kukuhle enkosini mayimbize ukuba eze phambi kwakho, akutshele incazelo enembile yephupho oliphuphileyo.
39 Inkosi yasizwa amazwi enduna yabaphathinkezo, yasilaya ukuthi izihlakaniphi zaseGibhithe zingabulawa.
40 Inkosi yayala izinceku zayo ukuba zilethe uJosefa phambi kwayo, inkosi yathi kuzo, Yiyani kuye ningamesabisi funa adideke futhi angakwazi ukukhuluma kahle.
41 Izinceku zenkosi zaya kuJosefa, zamkhipha ngokushesha emgodini, izinceku zenkosi zamgunda, washintsha ingubo yakhe yasejele, weza phambi kwenkosi.
42 Inkosi yayihlezi esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi igqoke ingubo yobukhosi igqoke i-efodi yegolide, negolide elihle elaliphezu kwayo lalicwebezela, ne-carbuncle, ne-ruby, ne-emerald, kanye nawo wonke amatshe ayigugu ayesekhanda lenkosi, kwakhanga amehlo, uJosefa wamangala kakhulu ngenkosi.
43 Isihlalo sobukhosi lapho inkosi yayihlezi khona sasimbozwe ngegolide nesiliva, namatshe e-onikisi, futhi sasinezitebhisi ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa.
44 Kwakuyisiko labo kulo lonke izwe laseGibhithe ukuthi wonke umuntu owayeza ukukhuluma nenkosi, uma eyisikhulu noma umuntu owayebhekwa njengesikhulu emehlweni enkosi, wayekhuphukela esihlalweni sobukhosi senkosi aze afike esitebhisini samashumi amathathu nanye, futhi inkosi yayizokwehla iye esitebhisini samashumi amathathu nesithupha, ikhulume nayo.
45 Uma wayengomunye wabantu abavamile, wayekhuphukela esitebhisini sesithathu, bese inkosi yehlela kwesine ikhulume nayo, futhi umkhuba wabo wawuwukuthi, ngaphezu kwalokho, noma yimuphi umuntu owayeqonda ukukhuluma ngazo zonke izilimi ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa, wayekhuphuka izitebhisi ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa, akhuphuke akhulume aze afike enkosini.
46 Futhi noma yimuphi umuntu owayengakwazi ukuqeda amashumi ayisikhombisa, wayekhuphuka izinyathelo eziningi ngangezilimi ayezazi ukuthi azikhulume ngazo.
47 Futhi kwakuyisiko ngalezo zinsuku eGibhithe ukuthi kungabikho muntu ofanele ukubabusa, kodwa owayeqonda ukukhuluma izilimi ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa.
48 Kwathi lapho uJosefa efika phambi kwenkosi wakhothama phansi phambi kwenkosi, wakhuphukela esitebhisini sesithathu, inkosi yahlala esitebhisini sesine yakhuluma noJosefa.
49 Inkosi yathi kuJosefa, Ngiphuphe iphupho, futhi akekho umhumushi wokulichaza kahle, futhi ngiyale namuhla ukuthi bonke abathakathi baseGibhithe nabahlakaniphileyo balo, beze phambi kwami, futhi ngibalandise amaphupho ami, kodwa akekho ongichazele wona kahle.
50 Futhi namuhla ngizwe ngawe ukuthi ungumuntu ohlakaniphile, futhi uyakwazi ukuchaza kahle wonke amaphupho owazwayo.
51 UJosefa wamphendula uFaro, wathi: "UFaro makalandise amaphupho akhe awaphuphileyo; izincazelo zikaNkulunkulu impela; uFaro walandisa uJosefa amaphupho akhe, iphupho lezinkomo, nephupho lezikhwebu zamabele, inkosi yayeka ukukhuluma."
52 UJosefa wabe esegqokiswa umoya kaNkulunkulu phambi kwenkosi, futhi wayazi zonke izinto ezazizokwehlela inkosi kusukela ngalolo suku kuqhubeke, futhi wayazi incazelo efanele yephupho lenkosi, futhi wakhuluma phambi kwenkosi.
53 UJosefa wathola umusa emehlweni enkosi, inkosi yalalela izindlebe zayo nenhliziyo yayo, yezwa wonke amazwi kaJosefa. UJosefa wathi enkosini: "Ungacabangi ukuthi amaphupho amabili, ngokuba yiphupho elilodwa nje kuphela, ngoba lokho uNkulunkulu akhethe ukukwenza ezweni lonke ukubonisile inkosi ephusheni layo, nansi incazelo efanele yephupho lakho."
54 Izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezinhle nezikhwebu zamabele ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa, kanti izinkomo eziyisikhombisa ezimbi nezikhwebu zamabele nazo ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa; yiphupho elilodwa.
55 Bheka, iminyaka eyisikhombisa ezayo izakuba nenala enkulu ezweni lonke, emva kwalokho iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala iyakulandela, indlala enzima kakhulu; yonke inala iyakukhohlakala ezweni, indlala iqede abakhileyo ezweni.
56 Inkosi yaphupha iphupho elilodwa, iphupho laphindwa kuFaro ngoba le nto isiqinisiwe nguNkulunkulu, futhi uNkulunkulu uzoyifeza maduze.
57 Ngakho-ke manje ngizokunikeza iseluleko, ngisindise umphefumulo wakho nemiphefumulo yabakhileyo ezweni ebubini bendlala, ukuze umfune embusweni wakho indoda ehlakaniphile kakhulu neqondayo, eyazi zonke izindaba zikahulumeni, futhi immise ukuba abe umqondisi wezwe laseGibhithe.
58 Futhi indoda oyibeke phezu kweGibhithe mayibeke izinduna ngaphansi kwayo, ukuze zibuthe konke ukudla kweminyaka emihle ezayo, futhi mazibuthele amabele, ziwabeke ezinqolobaneni zakho ezimisiwe.
59 Futhi mabagcine lokho kudla iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala, ukuze kutholakale kuwe, nakubantu bakho, nakulo lonke izwe lakho, ukuze wena nezwe lakho ningabhujiswa yindlala.
60 Bonke abakhileyo ezweni mabatshelwe ukuthi babuthe, yilowo nalowo umkhiqizo wensimu yakhe, kuzo zonke izinhlobo zokudla, phakathi neminyaka eyisikhombisa emihle, bakubeke ezinqolobaneni zabo, ukuze kutholakale kubo ezinsukwini zendlala, baphile ngakho.
61 Lena incazelo efanele yephupho lakho, futhi lena yiseluleko esinikeziwe sokusindisa umphefumulo wakho kanye nemiphefumulo yabo bonke abantu bakho.
62 Inkosi yaphendula yathi kuJosefa: "Ngubani othi futhi ngubani owaziyo ukuthi amazwi akho alungile?" Yathi enkosini: "Lokhu kuyakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe ngawo wonke amazwi ami, ukuthi ayiqiniso nokuthi iseluleko sami sihle kuwe."
63 Bheka umkakho uhlezi esihlalweni sokubeletha namuhla, futhi uzokuzalela indodana futhi uzojabula naye; lapho umntwana wakho esephumile esibelethweni sikanina, indodana yakho yokuqala ezelwe eminyakeni emibili edlule izofa, futhi uzoduduzeka ngomntwana ozozalelwa wena namuhla.
64 UJosefa eseqedile ukukhuluma la mazwi enkosini, wakhothama enkosini waphuma, kwathi lapho uJosefa esephumile ebusweni benkosi, lezo zibonakaliso uJosefa ayezikhulumile enkosini zenzeka ngalolo suku.
65 Indlovukazi yazala indodana ngalolo suku futhi inkosi yezwa izindaba ezinhle ngendodana yayo, yajabula, kwathi

lapho intatheli isiphumile ebusweni benkosi, izinceku zenkosi zabona indodana yokuqala yenkosi iwele phansi ifile.
66 Kwaba khona ukukhala okukhulu nomsindo endlini yenkosi, inkosi yakuzwa, yathi, “Uyini umsindo nomsindo engiwuzwile endlini?” Batshela inkosi ukuthi indodana yayo eyizibulo isifile; inkosi yabe isiyazi ukuthi wonke amazwi kaJosefa eyayiwakhulumile ayelungile, inkosi yaduduzeka ngendodana yayo ngomntwana eyamzalelwa ngalolo suku njengoba uJosefa ayeshilo.

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1 Emva kwalokho inkosi yathumela, yabutha zonke izikhulu zayo nezinceku zayo, nazo zonke izikhulu nezikhulu zenkosi, beza bonke phambi kwenkosi.
2 Inkosi yathi kubo: “Bhekani, nibonile futhi nizwile wonke amazwi alo mHebheru, nazo zonke izibonakaliso azimemezelayo ukuthi zizokwenzeka, futhi akukho nelilodwa lamazwi akhe eliwele phansi.”
3 Niyazi ukuthi unikeze incazelo efanele yephupho, futhi lizokwenzeka nakanjani, ngakho-ke cebisanani, nazi ukuthi nizokwenzani nokuthi izwe lizokhululwa kanjani endlaleni.
4 Funani manje, nibone ukuthi kungatholakala yini okufanayo, okusenhliziyweni yakhe kukhona ukuhlakanipha nolwazi, ngimmise phezu kwezwe.
5 Ngoba nizwile lokho umHebheru akucebisile ngalokhu ukuze asindise izwe ngakho endlaleni, futhi ngiyazi ukuthi izwe ngeke likhululwe endlaleni kodwa ngeseluleko somHebheru, lowo ongeluleke.
6 Bonke baphendula inkosi bathi: “Iseluleko esinikezwe ngumHebheru ngalokhu sihle; ngalokho-ke, nkosi yethu, bheka, izwe lonke lisesandleni sakho; yenza okuhle emehlweni akho.”
7 Lowo omkhethayo, futhi omazi ngokuhlakanipha kwakho ukuthi uhlakaniphile futhi uyakwazi ukukhulula izwe ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, lowo inkosi iyakummisa abe phezu kwezwe ngaphansi kwakhe.
8 Inkosi yathi kuzo zonke izikhulu: “Ngicabange ukuthi lokhu uNkulunkulu emazisile umHebheru konke akukhulumile, akakho noyedwa ohlakaniphileyo noqondayo njengaye ezweni lonke; uma kukuhle emehlweni akho, ngiyakumbeka phezu kwezwe, ngokuba uyakusindisa izwe ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe.”
9 Zonke izikhulu zaphendula inkosi, zathi: “Kulotshiwe impela emithethweni yaseGibithe, futhi akufanele kwephulwe, ukuthi akukho muntu oyobusa eGibhithe, futhi ozoba ngowesibili enkosini, kodwa onolwazi ngazo zonke izilimi zabantwana babantu.”
10 Ngakho-ke nkosi yethu nenkosi, bheka lo mHebheru uyakwazi ukukhuluma isiHebheru kuphela, pho angaba kanjani phezu kwethu owesibili ngaphansi kombuso, umuntu ongalwazi ngisho nolimi lwethu?
11 Manje sicela uthumele ukuba alandwe, futhi makaze phambi kwakho, umhlole kukho konke, futhi wenze njengoba ubona kufanele.
12 Inkosi yathi: “Kuzakwenzeka kusasa, izwi olikhulumile lihle.” Zonke izikhulu zafika phambi kwenkosi ngalolo suku.
13 Ngalobo busuku iNkosi yathumela enye yezingelosi zayo ezikhonzayo, yafika ezweni laseGibhithe kuJosefa, ingelosi yeNkosi yema phezu kukaJosefa, futhi bheka uJosefa wayelele embhedeni ebusuku endlini yenkosi yakhe emgodini, ngoba inkosi yakhe yayimbuyisele emgodini ngenxa yomkakhe.
14 Ingelosi yamvusa ebuthongweni bakhe, uJosefa wavuka wema ngemilenze yakhe, bheka ingelosi yeNkosi yayimi phambi kwakhe; ingelosi yeNkosi yakhuluma noJosefa, yamfundisa zonke izilimi zabantu ngalobo busuku, wayiqamba ngokuthi uJosefa.
15 Ingelosi yeNkosi yasuka kuye, uJosefa wabuya walala embhedeni wakhe, uJosefa wamangala ngombono awubonayo.
16 Kwathi ekuseni inkosi yathumela ukuba kubizwe zonke izikhulu zayo nezinceku zayo, bonke beza bahlala phambi kwenkosi, inkosi yayala ukuba uJosefa alethwe, izinceku zenkosi zahamba zamletha uJosefa kuFaro.
17 Inkosi yaphuma yakhuphukela ezitebhisini zesihlalo sobukhosi, uJosefa wakhuluma nenkosi ngazo zonke izilimi, uJosefa waya kuyo wakhuluma nenkosi waze wafika phambi kwenkosi esitebhisini samashumi ayisikhombisa, wahlala phambi kwenkosi.
18 Inkosi yathokoza kakhulu ngoJosefa, nazo zonke izikhulu zenkosi zajabula kakhulu nenkosi lapho zizwa wonke amazwi kaJosefa.
19 Le nto yabonakala ilungile emehlweni enkosi nasezikhulwini zayo, ukumbeka uJosefa abe ngowesibili enkosini phezu kwezwe lonke laseGibithe; inkosi yakhuluma kuJosefa, yathi:
20 Manje unginike iseluleko sokumisa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo phezu kwezwe laseGibhithe, ukuze ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe asindise izwe endlaleni; ngalokho-ke, njengoba uNkulunkulu ekwazisile konke lokhu, nawo wonke amazwi owakhulumile, akukho muntu ohlakaniphileyo noqondayo njengawe ezweni lonke.
21 Igama lakho alisayikubizwa ngokuthi uJosefa, kodwa igama lakho lizoba uZafenati Phaneya; uzakuba ngowesibili kimi, futhi ngokwezwi lakho zonke izindaba zombuso wami ziyoba njalo, futhi ngezwi lakho abantu bami bayakuphuma bangene.
22 Futhi izinceku zami nezikhulu zami bayakuthola iholo labo elinikwa zona njalo ngenyanga, futhi bonke abantu bezwe bayakukhothamela kuwe; kuphela esihlalweni sami sobukhosi ngiyoba mkhulu kunawe.
23 Inkosi yakhumula indandatho yayo esandleni sayo yayifaka esandleni sikaJosefa, inkosi yagqokisa uJosefa ingubo yobukhosi, yafaka umqhele wegolide ekhanda lakhe, yafaka nomgexo wegolide entanyeni yakhe.
24 Inkosi yayala izinceku zayo, zamkhwelisa enqoleni yesibili yenkosi, eyayihamba maqondana nenqola yenkosi, yamkhwelisa ehhashini elikhulu nelinamandla emahhashini enkosi, ukuze aqhutshwe emigwaqweni yezwe laseGibhithe.
25 Inkosi yayala ukuba bonke ababedlala izigubhu, amahabhu nezinye izinsimbi zomculo bahambe noJosefa; izigubhu eziyinkulungwane, izinkulungwane zemekholothi, namaNebali ayinkulungwane bamlandela.
26 Amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezinhlanu, ephethe izinkemba ezihoshiweyo ezikhazimulayo ezandleni zawo, ahamba edlala phambi kukaJosefa, kanye namadoda amakhulu enkosi ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili ebhince amabhande esikhumba ambozwe

ngegolide, ahamba ngakwesokunene sikaJosefa, kanye namadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili ngakwesobunxele sakhe, futhi bonke abesifazane namantombazane babehamba ophahleni noma bema emigwaqweni bedlala futhi bejabula ngoJosefa, futhi bebuka ukubukeka kukaJosefa nobuhle bakhe.
27 Abantu benkosi bahamba phambi kwakhe nangemuva kwakhe, bephunga umgwaqo ngenhlaka nekasiya, nazo zonke izinhlobo zamakha amahle, ne-mure esakazekile kanye ne-aloe emgwaqweni, futhi amadoda angamashumi amabili amemezela la mazwi phambi kwakhe kulo lonke izwe ngezwi elikhulu:
28 Niyambona lo muntu inkosi emkhethile ukuba abe ngowesibili kuye? Zonke izindaba zikahulumeni zizolawulwa nguye, futhi lowo oweqa imiyalo yakhe, noma ongakhothami phansi phambi kwakhe, uzofa, ngoba uvukela inkosi kanye neyesibili yakhe.
29 Kwathi lapho abamemezeli sebeqedile ukumemezela, bonke abantu baseGibhithe bakhothama phansi phambi kukaJosefa bathi: “Makaphile inkosi, nowesibili wayo makaphile.” Bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe bakhothama endleleni, kwathi lapho abamemezeli besondela kubo, bakhothama, bajabula ngazo zonke izinhlobo zezigubhu, i-mechol ne-nebal phambi kukaJosefa.
30 UJosefa egibele ihhashi lakhe waphakamisela amehlo akhe ezulwini, wamemeza wathi: “Uyavusa ompofu othulini, uphakamisa ompofu edakeni lomquba.” O Nkosi yamabandla, ubusisiwe umuntu othembela kuwe.”
31 UJosefa wadabula izwe laseGibhithe kanye nezinceku zikaFaro nezikhulu zakhe, bamkhombisa izwe lonke laseGibhithe nayo yonke ingcebo yenkosi.
32 UJosefa wabuya wafika ngalolo suku phambi kukaFaro, inkosi yamnika uJosefa indawo ezweni laseGibhithe, indawo yamasimu nezivini, inkosi yamnika uJosefa amatalenta esiliva ayizinkulungwane ezintathu namatalenta ayinkulungwane egolide, namatshe e-onikisi ne-bedola nezipho eziningi.
33 Ngosuku olulandelayo inkosi yayala bonke abantu baseGibhithe ukuba balethe iminikelo nezipho kuJosefa, nokuthi lowo owephula umyalo wenkosi kufanele afe; futhi benza indawo ephakeme esitaladini somuzi, futhi bandlala izingubo lapho, futhi noma ubani owayeletha noma yini kuJosefa wayeyibeka endaweni ephakeme.
34 Bonke abantu baseGibhithe baphonsa okuthile endaweni ephakemeyo, omunye umuntu ephethe indandatho yegolide, kanye nezinye izindandatho namacici, nezinye izinto zegolide nezesiliva ezenziwe ngobuciko, kanye namatshe e-onikisi ne-bedola endaweni ephakemeyo; yilowo nalowo wanikela ngalokho anakho.
35 UJosefa wathatha konke lokhu wakubeka engcebweni yakhe, futhi zonke izikhulu nezikhulu zenkosi zamphakamisa uJosefa, futhi bamnika izipho eziningi, njengoba inkosi yayimkhethile ukuba abe ngowesibili kuyo.
36 Inkosi yathumela kuPotifera, indodana ka-Ahiramu umpristi wase-Oni, wathatha indodakazi yakhe encane u-Osnathi, wayinika uJosefa ukuba ibe ngumkakhe.
37 Intombi yayinhle kakhulu, iyintombi, indoda eyayingamazi, uJosefa wayithatha yaba ngumkakhe; inkosi yathi kuJosefa: “NginguFaro, ngaphandle kwakho akekho oyokwazi ukuphakamisa isandla sakhe noma unyawo lwakhe ukuze aqondise abantu bami kulo lonke izwe laseGibhithe.”
38 UJosefa wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu ubudala lapho emi phambi kukaFaro, uJosefa waphuma phambi kwenkosi, waba ngowesibili wenkosi eGibhithe.
39 Inkosi yanika uJosefa izinceku eziyikhulu ukuba zimkhonze endlini yakhe, uJosefa wathumela futhi wathenga izinceku eziningi futhi zahlala endlini kaJosefa.
40 UJosefa wabe esezakhela indlu enhle kakhulu efana nezindlu zamakhosi, phambi kwegceke lendlu yenkosi, futhi wenza endlini ithempeli elikhulu, elihle kakhulu futhi elifanele ukuhlala kwakhe; uJosefa wakha indlu yakhe iminyaka emithathu.
41 UJosefa wazenzela isihlalo sobukhosi esihle kakhulu segolide nesiliva eliningi, wasimboza ngamatshe e-onikisi ne-bedola, wenza phezu kwaso umfanekiso wezwe lonke laseGibhithe, nomfanekiso womfula waseGibhithe onisela izwe lonke laseGibhithe; uJosefa wahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi endlini yakhe futhi iNkosi yandisa ukuhlakanipha kukaJosefa.
42 Bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe, nezinceku zikaFaro, nezikhulu zakhe, bamthanda kakhulu uJosefa, ngokuba le nto yayivela kuJehova kuJosefa.
43 UJosefa wayenebutho elalilwa, liphuma ngamabutho namabutho, linani lamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane namakhulu ayisithupha, akwazi ukuphatha izikhali ukusiza inkosi noJosefa esitheni, ngaphandle kwezikhulu zenkosi nezinceku zayo kanye nabantu baseGibhithe abangenakubalwa.
44 UJosefa wanika amadoda akhe anamandla nebutho lakhe lonke izihlangu nemikhonto, nezigqoko, nezingubo zensimbi, namatshe okujikijela.

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1 Ngaleso sikhathi abantwana baseTharishishi bafika kubantwana baka-Ishmayeli, balwa nabo; abantwana baseTharishishi babaphanga abakwa-Ishmayeli isikhathi eside.
2 Abantwana baka-Ishmayeli babembalwa ngalezo zinsuku, futhi babengenakubanqoba abantwana baseTharishishi, futhi babecindezelwa kakhulu.
3 Amadoda amadala akwa-Ishmayeli athumela incwadi enkosini yaseGibhithe, athi: “Thumela ezincekwini zakho, izikhulu namabutho, ukuba asisize silwe nabantwana baseTharishishi, ngokuba sesiphelile isikhathi eside.”
4 UFaro wathuma uJosefa namadoda anamandla nebutho elalinaye, kanye namadoda akhe anamandla avela endlini yenkosi.
5 Baya ezweni laseHavila kubantwana bakwa-Ishmayeli, ukubasiza ekulweni nabantwana bakwaTharishishi, abantwana bakwa-Ishmayeli balwa nabantwana bakwaTharishishi, uJosefa wawanqoba amaTharishishi, wanqoba lonke izwe lawo, nabantwana bakwa-Ishmayeli bahlala kulo kuze kube namuhla.
6 Kwathi lapho izwe laseTharishishi linqotshwa, bonke abaseTharishishi babaleka, bafika emngceleni wabafowabo, abantwana baseJavani, uJosefa nawo wonke amadoda akhe anamandla nebutho lakhe babuyela eGibhithe, akwabakho noyedwa kubo owayelahlekile.

7 Kwathi ngoguquko lonyaka, ngonyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaJosefa eGibhithe, uJehova wanikeza inala enkulu ezweni lonke iminyaka eyisikhombisa njengoba uJosefa ayeshilo, ngoba uJehova wabusisa yonke imikhiqizo yomhlaba ngalezo zinsuku iminyaka eyisikhombisa, badla basutha kakhulu.
8 UJosefa ngaleso sikhathi wayenezinduna ngaphansi kwakhe, ezaziqoqa konke ukudla kweminyaka emihle, zibutha amabele iminyaka ngeminyaka, ziwabeka engcebeni kaJosefa.
9 Njalo uma beqoqa ukudla uJosefa wayala ukuthi balethe okusanhlamvu ezikhwetshini, futhi balethe nomhlabathi wensimu, ukuze kungoni.
10 UJosefa wayenza njalo iminyaka ngeminyaka, waqoqa amabele amaningi njengesihlabathi solwandle, ngokuba izimpahla zakhe zaziziningi kakhulu, zingenakubalwa ngobuningi.
11 Bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe babutha zonke izinhlobo zokudla ezinqolobaneni zabo ngobuningi obukhulu phakathi neminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala, kodwa abakwenzanga lokho njengoJosefa.
12 Konke ukudla uJosefa namaGibhithe ababekuqoqile phakathi neminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala, kwagcinwa ezweni, kwagcinwa iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala, ukuze kulondolozwe izwe lonke.
13 Abakhileyo eGibhithe bagcwalisa yilowo nalowo ingcebo yakhe nendawo yakhe yokucasha ngamabele, ukuze kube ngokondla ngesikhathi sendlala.
14 UJosefa wabeka konke ukudla ayekuqoqile kuwo wonke amadolobha aseGibhithe, wavala zonke izitolo, wabeka abalindi phezu kwazo.
15 U-Osnati, indodakazi kaPotifera, umkaJosefa, wamzalela amadodana amabili, uManase no-Efrayimi; uJosefa wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nane ubudala lapho ebazala.
16 Abafana bakhula, bahamba ngezindlela zakhe nasemithethweni yakhe, abaphambukanga endleleni uyise awafundisa ngayo, ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesobunxele.
17 UJehova wayenabafana, bakhula, baba nokuqonda nekhono kukho konke ukuhlakanipha nakuzo zonke izindaba zikahulumeni, futhi zonke izikhulu zenkosi kanye namadoda amakhulu aseGibhithe babaphakamisa abafana, bakhuliswa phakathi kwabantwana benkosi.
18 Iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala eyayikhona ezweni lonke yaphela, kwafika iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala emva kwayo, njengalokho uJosefa eshilo; indlala yayikhona ezweni lonke.
19 Bonke abantu baseGibhithe babona ukuthi indlala isiqalile ezweni laseGibhithe, bonke abantu baseGibhithe bavula izinqwaba zabo zokusanhlamvu, ngokuba indlala yayibanqobe.
20 Bafumana konke ukudla okwakusezinqolobaneni zabo, kugcwele izinambuzane futhi kungafanele ukudliwa, indlala yanda ezweni lonke; bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe beza bakhala phambi kukaFaro, ngokuba indlala yayinzima phezu kwabo.
21 Base bethi kuFaro: “Siphe izinceku zakho ukudla; pho, siyakufani yindlala phambi kwakho, thina nabantwana bethu na?”
22 UFaro wabaphendula wathi: “Nikhalelani kimi na? UJosefa akashongo yini ukuthi amabele aqongelelwe iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala yeminyaka yendlala na? Kungani ningalalelanga izwi lakhe na?”
23 Abantu baseGibhithe baphendula inkosi, bathi: “Kuphila komphefumulo wakho, nkosi yethu, izinceku zakho zenze konke uJosefa akuyalayo, ngokuba izinceku zakho zibuthile yonke imikhiqizo yamasimu azo eminyakeni eyisikhombisa yenala, zayibeka ezinqolobaneni kuze kube namuhla.”
24 Kwathi lapho indlala inqoba izinceku zakho, savula izitolo zethu, bheka, yonke imikhiqizo yethu yayigcwele izinambuzane, ingafanele ukudla.
25 Kwathi lapho inkosi izwa konke okwehlele izakhamuzi zaseGibhithe, inkosi yesaba kakhulu ngenxa yendlala, futhi yesaba kakhulu; inkosi yaphendula abantu baseGibhithe, yathi: “Njengoba konke lokhu sekwenzeke kini, yanini kuJosefa, nenze noma yini anitshela yona, ningaweqi imiyalo yakhe.”
26 Bonke abantu baseGibhithe baphuma baya kuJosefa, bathi kuye: “Siphe ukudla; pho, singafelani phambi kwakho ngendlala na?” Ngokuba siqoqe izithelo zethu eminyakeni eyisikhombisa, njengalokho owasiyala, sakubeka enqolobaneni, kwase kusehlela kanjalo.”
27 Kwathi uJosefa esezwile konke okwakushiwo ngabantu baseGibhithe nalokho okwabehlele, uJosefa wavula zonke izitolo zakhe zemikhiqizo, wayithengisela abantu baseGibhithe.
28 Indlala yayisibusa ezweni lonke, indlala yayikhona kuwo wonke amazwe; kepha ezweni laseGibithe kwakukhona ukudla okuthengiswayo.
29 Bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe beza kuJosefa ukuyothenga amabele, ngokuba indlala yayibanqobe, namabele abo onke aphela; uJosefa wawathengisela bonke abantu baseGibhithe imihla ngemihla.
30 Bonke abakhileyo ezweni laseKhanani, namaFilisti, nabaphesheya kweJordani, nabaseMpumalanga, nayo yonke imizi yamazwe akude neseduze bezwa ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibithe, beza eGibithe ukuyothenga amabele, ngokuba indlala yayibanqobe.
31 UJosefa wavula izinqolobane zamabele, wabeka izinduna phezu kwazo; zazimi imihla ngemihla, zithengisela bonke ababefika.
32 UJosefa wayazi ukuthi abafowabo nabo babezofika eGibhithe ukuzothenga amabele, ngoba indlala yayigcwele umhlaba wonke. UJosefa wayala bonke abantu bakhe ukuba bamemezele lokhu ezweni lonke laseGibhithe, wathi:
33 Kuyintando yenkosi, eyesibili kanye nezikhulu zayo, ukuthi noma ngubani ofisa ukuthenga okusanhlamvu eGibhithe angathumeli izinceku zakhe eGibhithe ukuyothenga, ngaphandle kwamadodana akhe, kanye nanoma yimuphi umGibhithe noma umKhanani, ozovela kunoma yiziphi izitolo ezivela ekuthengeni okusanhlamvu eGibhithe, futhi azohamba ayokuthengisa kulo lonke izwe, uzokufa, ngoba akekho ozothenga ngaphandle kokondla indlu yakhe.
34 Noma ngubani ohola izilwane ezimbili noma ezintathu uyakufa, ngoba umuntu kufanele ahole izilwane zakhe kuphela.
35 UJosefa wabeka abalindi emasangweni aseGibhithe, wabayala wathi: “Noma ngubani oza ukuthenga

okusanhlamvu, angamvumeli ukuba angene kuze kubhalwe igama lakhe, negama likayise, negama likayise, nokuthi noma yini ebhalwe emini, thumelani amagama abo kimi kusihlwa ukuze ngazi amagama abo."
36 UJosefa wabeka izikhulu kulo lonke izwe laseGibhithe, wabayala ukuba benze zonke lezi zinto.
37 UJosefa wakwenza konke lokhu, wabeka le mithetho, ukuze azi ukuthi abafowabo bazofika nini eGibhithe ukuzothenga okusanhlamvu; futhi abantu bakaJosefa bakwenza kwamenyezelwa nsuku zonke eGibhithe ngokwala mazwi nemithetho uJosefa ayeyalile.
38 Bonke abakhileyo ezweni lasempumalanga nelasentshonalanga, nabo bonke abantu bomhlaba wonke, bezwa ngezimiso nezahlulelo uJosefa ayezimisile eGibithe; abakhileyo emaphethelweni omhlaba beza bathenga amabele eGibithe imihla ngemihla, base bemuka.
39 Zonke izikhulu zaseGibithe zenza njengalokho uJosefa ayeyalile; bonke ababefika eGibithe ukuyothenga amabele, abalindi bamasango babhala amagama abo namagama oyise, bakuletha phambi kukaJosefa kusihlwa imihla ngemihla.

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1 UJakobe esezwile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibhithe, wabiza amadodana akhe ukuba aye eGibhithe ukuyothenga amabele, ngokuba indlala yayinamandla phezu kwawo; wabiza amadodana akhe, wathi:
2 Bhekani, ngizwile ukuthi kukhona okusanhlamvu eGibhithe, nokuthi bonke abantu bomhlaba baya khona ukuyothenga; pho-ke kungani nizaneliseka phambi komhlaba wonke? Yehlelani nani eGibhithe, nisithengele okusanhlamvu okuncane phakathi kwalabo abeza lapho, ukuze singafi.
3 Amadodana kaJakobe alalela izwi likayise, asuka ehlela eGibithe ukuyothenga amabele phakathi kwabanye ababefika lapho.
4 UJakobe uyise wabayala, wathi: "Nxa ningena emzini, ningangeni ngamasango amabili ndawonye, ngenxa yabantu bakulelizwe."
5 Amadodana kaJakobe aphuma aya eGibhithe, amadodana kaJakobe enza konke uyise ayewayalile, uJakobe akamthumanga uBenjamini, ngokuba wathi: "Funa ehlelwe yingozi endleleni njengomfowabo," amadodana kaJakobe ayishumi aphuma.
6 Kwathi amadodana kaJakobe esahamba endleleni, azisola ngalokho ayekwenze kuJosefa, akhuluma wodwa, ethi, Siyazi ukuthi umfowethu uJosefa wehlela eGibhithe, manje sizomfuna lapho siya khona, futhi uma simthola sizomthatha enkosini yakhe njengesihlengo, futhi uma kungenjalo, ngenkani, futhi sizofa ngenxa yakhe.
7 Amadodana kaJakobe avuma lokhu, aziqinisa ngenxa kaJosefa, ukuba amkhulule esandleni senkosi yakhe; amadodana kaJakobe aya eGibhithe; kwathi lapho esondela eGibhithe, ahlukana, angena ngamasango ayishumi aseGibhithe; abalindi bamasango babhala amagama abo ngalolo suku, bawaletha kuJosefa kusihlwa.
8 UJosefa wafunda amagama ezandleni zabalindi bamasango bomuzi, wathola ukuthi abafowabo babengene emasangweni ayishumi omuzi, uJosefa ngaleso sikhathi wayala ukuba kumenyezelwe kulo lonke izwe laseGibhithe, ethi,
9 Phumani nonke nina baphathi bezitolo, nivale zonke izitolo zokusanhlamvu bese kusala eyodwa kuphela evuliwe, ukuze labo abezayo bathenge kuyo.
10 Zonke izikhulu zikaJosefa zenza kanjalo ngaleso sikhathi, zavala zonke izitolo, kwasala eyodwa kuphela ivuliwe.
11 UJosefa wanika amagama abhalwe phansi abafowabo kulowo owayephethe isitolo esikhulu, wathi kuye: "Noma ngubani oza kuwe ukuzothenga amabele, makabuze igama lakhe; uma kufika amadoda alawa magama phambi kwakho, babambe, ubathume."
12 Kwathi lapho amadodana kaJakobe efika emzini, ahlangana ndawonye emzini ukuyofuna uJosefa ngaphambi kokuba azithengele ukudla.
13 Base beya ezindongeni zezifebe, bamfuna uJosefa ezindongeni zezifebe izinsuku ezintathu, ngoba babecabanga ukuthi uJosefa uzongena ezindongeni zezifebe, ngoba uJosefa wayemuhle kakhulu futhi emuhle, futhi amadodana kaJakobe amfuna uJosefa izinsuku ezintathu, kodwa awamtholanga.
14 Indoda eyayiphethe isitolo yafuna lawo magama uJosefa ayeyinike wona, kodwa ayizange iwathole.
15 Wathumela kuJosefa, wathi: "Sekudlule izinsuku ezintathu, lawo madoda owanginika wona awafikanga; uJosefa wathuma izinceku ukuba ziyofuna amadoda kulo lonke iGibithe, ziwalethe phambi kukaJosefa."
16 Izinceku zikaJosefa zahamba zafika eGibhithe kodwa azibatholanga, zaya eGosheni kodwa zazingekho, zase ziya emzini waseRamesesi kodwa azibatholanga.
17 UJosefa waqhubeka nokuthuma izinceku eziyishumi nesithupha ukuba ziyofuna abafowabo, bahamba basakazeka emagumbini amane omuzi, kwathi ezine zezinceku zaya endlini yezifebe, zathola amadoda ayishumi lapho efuna umfowabo.
18 Lawo madoda amane abathatha abaletha phambi kwakhe, akhothama kuye phansi, uJosefa wayehleli esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi ethempelini lakhe, egqoke izingubo zobukhosi, futhi ekhanda lakhe kwakukhona umqhele omkhulu wegolide, futhi wonke amadoda anamandla ayehlezi emzungezile.
19 Amadodana kaJakobe ambona uJosefa, isimo sakhe, nobuhle bakhe, nokuphakama kobuso bakhe kwaba kuhle emehlweni awo, akhothama phansi kuye futhi.
20 UJosefa wabona abafowabo, wabazi, kodwa bona abamazanga, ngokuba uJosefa wayemkhulu emehlweni abo, ngakho abamazanga.
21 UJosefa wakhuluma kubo, wathi: "Nivelaphi na?" Baphendula bonke, bathi: "Izinceku zakho zifikile ezweni laseKhanani ukuzothenga amabele, ngokuba indlala igcwele umhlaba wonke; izinceku zakho zezwa ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibithe; ngakho zize phakathi kwabanye abafika ukuzothenga amabele ukuze zisekelwe."
22 UJosefa wabaphendula wathi: "Uma nize ukuzothenga njengoba nishilo, kungani nize ngamasango ayishumi omuzi na? Kuphela nje ukuthi nize ukuzohlola izwe."
23 Bonke baphendula uJosefa kanyekanye, bathi: "Akunjalo nkosi yami, siqinisile, izinceku zakho azizona izinhloli, kodwa size ukuzothenga amabele, ngoba izinceku zakho zonke zingabafowabo bomunye umuntu ezweni

laseKhanani; ubaba wasiyala wathi: ‘Nxa nifika emzini, ningangeni ngamasango amabili ngenxa yabakhileyo ezweni.’
24 UJosefa waphinda wabaphendula wathi: “Yilokho engikushilo kini, nize ukuzohlola izwe, ngakho-ke nonke nize ngamasango ayishumi omuzi; nize ukuzobona ubuze bezwe.”
25 Impela wonke umuntu oza ukuthenga amabele uyahamba ngendlela yakhe, futhi senivele nisezweni izinsuku ezintathu, futhi nenzani ezindongeni zezifebe ebenikuzo kulezi zinsuku ezintathu? Ngokuqinisekile izinhloli zinjalo lezi zinto.
26 Bathi kuJosefa: “Makube kude nenkosi yethu ukukhuluma kanje, ngokuba singabazalwane abayishumi nambili, amadodana kababa uJakobe, ezweni laseKhanani, indodana ka-Isaka, indodana ka-Abrahama, umHebheru, futhi bheka omncane kunathi sonke unaye ubaba namuhla ezweni laseKhanani, kanti omunye akasekho, ngoba wayelahlekile kithi, futhi sasicabanga ukuthi mhlawumbe ukhona kuleli zwe, ngakho-ke simfuna kulo lonke izwe, futhi sesifikile nasezindlini zezifebe ukuzomfuna khona.”
27 UJosefa wathi kubo: “Nimfunile emhlabeni wonke, ukuthi kusele iGibhithe kuphela ukuba nimfune kulo na? Futhi umfowenu kufanele enzeni ezindlini zezifebe, nakuba eseGibhithe? Anishongo yini ukuthi nivela emadodaneni ka-Isaka, indodana ka-Abrahama, nokuthi amadodana kaJakobe ayokwenzenjani ezindlini zezifebe na?”
28 Bathi kuye: “Ngokuba sizwile ukuthi ama-Ishmayeli amebile kithi, satshelwa ukuthi bamthengisile eGibhithe, inceku yakho, umfowethu, inhle kakhulu futhi ibukeka kahle, ngakho-ke besicabanga ukuthi uzoba sezindlini zezifebe, ngakho-ke izinceku zakho zaya lapho ukuyomfuna nokumkhokhela.”
29 UJosefa waqhubeka ebaphendula, ethi: “Impela nikhuluma amanga, niqamba amanga, nizisho kini ukuthi ningamadodana ka-Abrahama; kuphila kukaFaro niyizinhloli, ngalokho nize ezindlini zezifebe ukuze ningaziwa.”
30 UJosefa wathi kubo: “Manje uma nimthola, inkosi yakhe ifuna intengo enkulu kini, ningamnika yona na?” Bathi: “Makanikwe.”
31 Wathi kubo: “Uma inkosi yakhe ingavumi ukumnika imali enkulu, nizomenzelani ngenxa yakhe?” Bamphendula bathi: “Uma engasiniki thina sizombulala, sithathe umfowethu sihambe.”
32 UJosefa wathi kubo: “Yilokho engikushilo kini; niyizinhloli, ngokuba nize ukubulala abakhileyo ezweni, ngoba sizwile ukuthi abafowenu ababili babulale bonke abakhileyo eShekemi, ezweni laseKhanani, ngenxa kadadewenu, manje nize ukwenza okufanayo eGibhithe ngenxa yomfowenu.”
33 Kuphela ngale ndlela engizokwazi ngayo ukuthi ningabantu abaqotho: uma nithumela omunye kini ukuba ayolanda umfowenu omncane kuyihlo, amlethe lapha kimi, futhi ngokwenza lokhu ngizokwazi ukuthi nilungile.
34 UJosefa wabiza amadoda angamashumi ayisikhombisa anamandla akhe, wathi kubo: “Thathani lawa madoda niwayise ejele.”
35 Amadoda anamandla athatha amadoda ayishumi, ababamba, abafaka esitokisini, bahlala esitokisini izinsuku ezintathu.
36 Ngosuku lwesithathu uJosefa wabakhipha entolongweni, wathi kubo: “Yenzani lokhu kini, uma ningabantu abaqotho, ukuze niphile, omunye wabafowenu uzakuboshwa endlini; nina nihambe niyise ukudla kwabendlu yenu ezweni laseKhanani, nimlethe umfowenu omncane, nimlethe lapha kimi, ukuze ngazi ukuthi ningabantu abaqotho, nxa nenza lokhu.”
37 UJosefa waphuma kubo wangena ekamelweni, wakhala kakhulu, ngokuba isihawu sakhe sasibavuthele, wageza ubuso bakhe, wabuyela kubo futhi, wamthatha uSimeyoni kubo, wayala ukuba aboshwe, kodwa uSimeyoni wayengafuni ukwenziwa kanjalo, ngoba wayeyindoda enamandla kakhulu futhi babengenakumbopha.
38 UJosefa wabiza amadoda akhe anamandla, amadoda angamashumi ayisikhombisa anamandla eza phambi kwakhe ephethe izinkemba ezihoshiweyo ezandleni zawo, amadodana kaJakobe esaba kakhulu.
39 UJosefa wathi kubo: “Mbambeni lo muntu nimvalele etilongweni kuze kufike abafowabo kuye.” Amadoda anamandla kaJosefa ashesha ambamba uSimeyoni ukuze ambophe, uSimeyoni wakhala kakhulu futhi esabekayo, ukukhala kwezwakala kude.
40 Bonke amaqhawe kaJosefa besaba kakhulu ngezwi lokukhala, bawa ngobuso babo, besaba kakhulu, babaleka.
41 Bonke abantu ababenoJosefa babaleka, ngokuba babesaba kakhulu ukuphila kwabo; kwasala uJosefa noManase indodana yakhe kuphela lapho, uManase indodana kaJosefa wabona amandla kaSimeyoni, wathukuthela kakhulu.
42 UManase indodana kaJosefa wasukuma waya kuSimeyoni, uManase wamshaya uSimeyoni ngesibhakela sakhe entanyeni yakhe, uSimeyoni wadamba ulaka lwakhe.
43 UManase wambamba uSimeyoni, wambamba ngobudlova, wambopha, wamyisa endlini yokuboshwa, bonke abantwana bakaJakobe bamangala ngesenzo sobusha.
44 USimeyoni wathi kubafowabo: “Akekho kini okufanele athi lokhu kushaywa komGibhithe, kodwa kushaywa indlu kababa.”
45 Ngemva kwalokhu uJosefa wayala ukuba kubizwe lowo owayephethe inqolobane, ukuze agcwalise amasaka abo ngokusanhlamvu ngangokusemandleni abo, futhi abuyisele imali yalowo nalowo esakeni lakhe, futhi abanike umphako wendlela, futhi wenza kanjalo kubo.
46 UJosefa wabayala, wathi: “Qaphelani ukuba ningaweqi imiyalo yami yokumletha umfowenu, njengalokho nginitshelile; kuyakuthi lapho nimletha umfowenu lapha kimi, ngiyokwazi ukuthi ningabantu abaqotho, niyohweba ezweni, nginibuyisele umfowenu, nina nibuyele kuyihlo ngokuthula.”
47 Bonke baphendula bathi: “Njengokusho kwenkosi yethu, sizokwenza.” Bamkhothamela phansi.
48 Ngamunye wabo wathwala okusanhlamvu kwakhe embongolweni yakhe, baphuma baya ezweni laseKhanani kuyise; bafika endlini yezihambi, uLevi wabeka isaka lakhe ukuze anike imbongolo yakhe ukudla, lapho ebona, bheka, imali yakhe egcwele isisindo yayisesakeni lakhe.
49 Indoda yesaba kakhulu, yathi kubafowabo: “Imali yami ibuyiselwe, bhekani, isesakeni lami.” Amadoda esaba kakhulu, athi: “Kuyini lokhu uNkulunkulu asenzele khona na?”

50 Bonke bathi: “Uphi umusa kaJehova kobaba bethu, ku-Abrahama, ku-Isaka, nakuJakobe, kangangokuthi namuhla uJehova usinikele ezandleni zenkosi yaseGibhithe ukuba isicebe?”
51 UJuda wathi kubo: “Impela sinecala phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu ngokuthengisa umfowethu, inyama yethu; nisholoni ukuthi: ‘Uphi umusa kaJehova kobaba bethu?’
52 URubeni wathi kubo: “Angishongo yini kini ukuthi: ‘Ningoni kumfana,’ kodwa anilalelanga kimi? Manje uNkulunkulu uyamfuna kithi; pho, ningathini ukuthi: ‘Uphi umusa kaJehova kobaba bethu,’ nibe nonile kuJehova?’
53 Balala lapho ubusuku bonke, bavuka ekuseni kakhulu, bathwesa izimbongolo zabo amabele abo, babahola, bahamba, bafika endlini kayise ezweni laseKhanani.
54 UJakobe nomndeni wakhe baphuma ukuyohlangabeza amadodana akhe, uJakobe wabona futhi bheka umfowabo uSimeyoni wayengekho kubo, uJakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe: “Uphi umfowenu uSimeyoni, engingamboni?” Amadodana akhe amtshela konke okwabehlele eGibhithe.

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1 Bangena endlini yabo, yilowo nalowo wavula isaka lakhe, babona; bheka, isikhwama semali salowo nalowo sasilapho; bona noyise besaba kakhulu.
2 UJakobe wathi kubo: “Kuyini lokhu enikwenzile kimi? Ngathuma umfowenu uJosefa ukuba ayobuza impilo yenu, nina nathi kimi: ‘Isilo sasendle simdlile.’
3 USimeyoni uhambe nani ukuyothenga ukudla futhi nithi inkosi yaseGibhithe imvalele etilongweni, futhi nifisa ukuthatha uBenjamini ukuze nimbulale, futhi nehlise izinwele zami ezimpunga ethuneni ngosizi ngenxa kaBenjamini noJosefa umfowabo.
4 Ngakho-ke indodana yami ayiyikwehla nani, ngokuba umfowabo ufile, usele yedwa; ingozi ingamehlela endleleni ohamba ngayo, njengalokho kwehlela umfowabo.
5 URubeni wathi kuyise: “Uyakubulala amadodana ami amabili uma ngingayilethi indodana yakho, ngiyibeke phambi kwakho.” UJakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe: “Hlalani lapha, ningehleli eGibithe, ngokuba indodana yami ayiyikwehla nani iye eGibithe, ingafi njengomfowabo.”
6 UJuda wathi kubo: “Myekeni aze aqede amabele, abese ethi: ‘Mthatheni umfowenu,’ lapho ethola impilo yakhe neyomndeni wakhe isengozini yendlala.”
7 Ngalezo zinsuku indlala yayinzima ezweni lonke; bonke abantu bomhlaba baya eGibithe ukuyothenga ukudla, ngokuba indlala yayinamandla kakhulu phakathi kwabo; amadodana kaJakobe ahlala eKhanani unyaka nezinyanga ezimbili, kwaze kwaba yilapho ukudla kwabo sekuphelile.
8 Kwathi ngemva kokuba ukudla kwabo sekuphelile, yonke indlu kaJakobe yalamba, futhi bonke abantwana bamadodana kaJakobe bahlangana ndawonye basondela kuJakobe, bamzungeza bonke, bathi kuye: “Siphe isinkwa, futhi kungani sonke singabhubha ngenxa yendlala phambi kwakho?”
9 UJakobe wezwa amazwi abantwana bendodana yakhe, wakhala kakhulu, wabazwela isihawu, uJakobe wabiza amadodana akhe, bonke beza bahlala phambi kwakhe.
10 UJakobe wathi kubo: “Anibonanga yini ukuthi abantwana benu bangikhalela namuhla, bethi: ‘Siphe isinkwa,’ kepha akukho lutho?’ Manje buyani nisithengele ukudla okuncane.”
11 UJuda waphendula wathi kuyise: “Uma umthuma umfowethu nathi, sizokwehla siyokuthengela okusanhlamvu; uma ungamthumi, asiyikwehla, ngokuba inkosi yaseGibithe yasiyala kakhulu, yathi: ‘Aniyikubona ubuso bami, uma umfowenu engani nani,’ ngokuba inkosi yaseGibithe iyinkosi enamandla nenamandla; bhekani, uma siya kuye ngaphandle komfowethu, sizobulawa sonke.’
12 Awazi yini futhi awuzwanga ukuthi le nkosi inamandla kakhulu futhi ihlakaniphile, futhi akekho onjengaye emhlabeni wonke? Bheka, sibone wonke amakhosi omhlaba futhi asikaze sibone eyodwa efana naleyo nkosi, inkosi yaseGibhithe; ngokuqinisekile phakathi kwawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba akekho omkhulu kuno-Abimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti, kodwa inkosi yaseGibhithe inkulu futhi inamandla kunaye, futhi u-Abimeleki ungafaniswa nenye yezikhulu zakhe.
13 Baba, awubonanga isigodlo sakhe nesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi, nazo zonke izinceku zakhe zimi phambi kwakhe; awubonanga leyo nkosi esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi ekhazimulayo nasebusweni bayo bobukhosi, igqoke izembatho zayo zobukhosi nomqhele omkhulu wegolide ekhanda layo; awubonanga udumo nenkazimulo uNkulunkulu ayinike yona, ngoba akekho onjengaye emhlabeni wonke.
14 Baba, awukubonanga ukuhlakanipha, ukuqonda kanye nolwazi uNkulunkulu alunike enhliziyweni yakhe, futhi awuzange uzwe izwi lakhe elimnandi lapho ekhuluma nathi.
15 Asazi, baba, ukuthi ngubani owamtshela amagama ethu nakho konke okwasehlela, kodwa wabuza futhi ngawe, wathi: ‘Uyihlo usaphila, usaphila kahle na?’
16 Awubonanga izindaba zombuso waseGibhithe ezilawulwa nguye, ngaphandle kokubuza kuFaro inkosi yakhe; awubonanga ukwesaba nokwesaba akubeka phezu kwabo bonke abaseGibhithe.
17 Futhi lapho sisuka kuye, sasongela ukwenza eGibhithe njengeminye imizi yama-Amori, futhi sathukuthela kakhulu ngawo wonke amazwi akhe awakhuluma ngathi njengezinhloli, futhi manje lapho sesiphinde safika phambi kwakhe ukwesaba kwakhe kuzosehlela sonke, futhi akekho kithi oyokwazi ukukhuluma naye noma into encane noma enkulu.
18 Ngakho-ke baba, ake uthumele umfana kanye nathi, size sehle siyokuthengela ukudla, singafi yindlala.” UJakobe wathi: “Ningiphatheleni kabi kangaka, nitshele inkosi ukuthi ninomfowenu na? Kuyini lokhu enikwenzile kimi na?”
19 UJuda wathi kuJakobe uyise: “Nginike umfana, size sisuke siye eGibithe, sithenge amabele, bese sibuya; kuyakuthi lapho sibuya, uma umfana engekho kithi, ngithwale icala lakho kuze kube phakade.”
20 Ubabonile bonke abantwana bethu bekhala ngawe ngenxa yendlala, ungenawo amandla esandleni sakho okubasuthisa; manje-ke makube nomusa kubo, umthume umfowethu nathi, sihambe.”
21 Ngoba umusa kaJehova kobaba bethu uzobonakala kanjani kuwe uma uthi inkosi yaseGibhithe izothatha

indodana yakho? Njengoba uJehova ephila, angiyikumshiya ngize ngiyilethe ngiyibeke phambi kwakho; kodwa sithandazele kuJehova, ukuze asiphathe ngomusa, ukuze asenze samukeleke kahle phambi kwenkosi yaseGibhithe namadoda ayo, ngoba ukube besingalibalanga, ngabe sesibuyile okwesibili nendodana yakho.
22 UJakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe, Ngiyethemba eNkosini uNkulunkulu ukuthi izonikhulula futhi ininike umusa emehlweni enkosi yaseGibhithe, naphambi kwawo wonke amadoda ayo.
23 Ngakho-ke sukani niye kulowo muntu, nimthathele isipho kulokho okungatholakala ezweni, nisilethe phambi kwakhe, uNkulunkulu uSomandla aniphe umusa phambi kwakhe, ukuze anithumelele uBenjamini noSimeyoni abafowenu.
24 Bonke abantu basukuma, bathatha umfowabo uBenjamini, bathatha nesipho esikhulu sezwe elihle kunawo wonke, bathatha nesiliva eliphindwe kabili.
25 UJakobe wayala amadodana akhe ngokuqinile ngoBenjamini, wathi: “Mqapheleni endleleni enihamba ngayo, ningahlukani naye endleleni, noma eGibithe.”
26 UJakobe wasukuma emadodaneni akhe, welula izandla zakhe, wathandaza kuJehova ngenxa yamadodana akhe, wathi: “Jehova Nkulunkulu wezulu nomhlaba, khumbula isivumelwano sakho nobaba u-Abrahama, usikhumbule nobaba u-Isaka, ube nomusa emadodaneni ami, ungabanikeli esandleni senkosi yaseGibithe; ngiyakuncenga, Nkulunkulu, ngenxa yesihawu sakho, ukhulule bonke abantwana bami, ubakhulule emandleni aseGibhithe, ubathumelele abafowabo ababili.”
27 Bonke abafazi bamadodana kaJakobe nabantwana babo baphakamisa amehlo abo ezulwini, bonke bakhala phambi kukaJehova, bakhala kuye ukuba akhulule oyise esandleni senkosi yaseGibhithe.
28 UJakobe wabhalela inkosi yaseGibhithe incwadi, wayinika uJuda neyamadodana akhe, wayinika inkosi yaseGibhithe, wathi:
29 Kusukela encekwini yakho uJakobe, indodana ka-Isaka, indodana ka-Abrahama umHebheru, isikhulu sikaNkulunkulu, kuye enkosini enamandla nehlakaniphileyo, umambuli wezimfihlakalo, inkosi yaseGibhithe, ukubingelela.
30 Makwazeke enkosini yami, nkosi yaseGibhithe, ukuthi indlala yayinzima ezweni laseKhanani, ngathuma amadodana ami kuwe ukuba asithengele ukudla okuncane kuwe ukuze sithole ukudla.
31 Ngoba amadodana ami angizungezile futhi mina njengoba sengimdala kakhulu angikwazi ukubona ngamehlo ami, ngoba amehlo ami asesinde kakhulu ngenxa yokuguga, kanye nokulila nsuku zonke ngendodana yami, ngoJosefa owayelahlekile phambi kwami, futhi ngayala amadodana ami ukuthi angangeni emasangweni omuzi lapho efika eGibhithe, ngenxa yabantu abahlala ezweni.
32 Futhi ngabayala ukuba bahambe eGibhithe bayofuna indodana yami uJosefa, mhlawumbe bangamthola lapho, futhi benza kanjalo, futhi wena wababheka njengezinhloli zezwe.
33 Asizwanga yini ngawe ukuthi uchazile iphupho likaFaro, wamtshela iqiniso? Pho, awukazi kanjani ngokuhlakanipha kwakho ukuthi amadodana ami ayizinhloli noma cha?
34 Ngakho-ke, nkosi yami nenkosi, bheka, ngithumile indodana yami phambi kwakho, njengoba ukhulumile emadodaneni ami; ngiyakuncenga ukuba uyibeke amehlo akho ize ibuyele kimi ngokuthula nabafowabo.
35 Ngoba awukwazi, noma awuzwanga yini lokho uNkulunkulu wethu akwenza kuFaro lapho ethatha umama uSara, nalokho akwenza ku-Abimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti ngenxa yakhe, nalokho ubaba wethu u-Abrahama akwenza emakhosini ayisishiyagalolunye ase-Elamu, ukuthi wawabulala wonke ngamadoda ambalwa ayenaye?
36 Futhi lokho amadodana ami amabili uSimeyoni noLevi abakwenza emizini eyisishiyagalombili yama-Amori, ukuthi bawabhubhisa kanjani ngenxa kadadewabo uDina?
37 Futhi ngenxa yomfowabo uBenjamini baziduduza ngokulahlekelwa ngumfowabo uJosefa; bazomenzelani-ke uma bebona isandla sabantu sibanqoba, ngenxa yakhe?
38 Awazi yini, nkosi yaseGibhithe, ukuthi amandla kaNkulunkulu anathi, nokuthi uNkulunkulu uhlala ezwa imithandazo yethu futhi akasishiyi zonke izinsuku?
39 Kwathi lapho amadodana ami engitshela ngezenzo zakho kubo, angizange ngibize uJehova ngenxa yakho, ngoba ngabe usubhubhile kanye nabantu bakho ngaphambi kokuba indodana yami uBenjamini ifike phambi kwakho, kodwa bengicabanga ukuthi njengoba indodana yami uSimeyoni yayisendlini yakho, mhlawumbe ungamenzela umusa, ngakho angikwenzanga lokhu kuwe.
40 Manje bheka, indodana yami uBenjamini iza kuwe namadodana ami; mqaphele, umbheke, uNkulunkulu uyakukubeka amehlo akhe phezu kwakho nasembusweni wakho wonke.
41 Manje sengikutshelile konke okusenhliziyweni yami, futhi bheka amadodana ami eza kuwe nomfowabo, ahlole ubuso bomhlaba wonke ngenxa yabo futhi awabuyisele emuva ngokuthula nabafowabo.
42 UJakobe wanika amadodana akhe umbhalo ukuze awunakekele uJuda ukuze awunike inkosi yaseGibhithe.

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1 Amadodana kaJakobe asukuma, athatha uBenjamini nesipho sonke, ahamba, afika eGibithe, ema phambi kukaJosefa.
2 UJosefa wabona umfowabo uBenjamini enabo, wababingelela, laba bantu bafika endlini kaJosefa.
3 UJosefa wayala umphathi wendlu yakhe ukuba anike abafowabo ukudla, wenza kanjalo kubo.
4 Kwathi ngesikhathi sasemini uJosefa wathumela ukuba kuthathwe amadoda kanye noBenjamini, amadoda atshela umphathi wendlu kaJosefa ngemali eyayibuyiselwe emasakeni abo, wathi kubo: “Kuzoba kuhle kini, ningesabi.” Waletha uSimeyoni umfowabo kubo.
5 USimeyoni wathi kubafowabo: “Inkosi yabaseGibithe ingenzele umusa omkhulu, ayingigcinanga ngiboshiwe, njengoba nibonile ngamehlo enu, ngokuba lapho niphuma emzini wangikhulula, wangiphatha kahle endlini yakhe.”
6 UJuda wabamba uBhenjamini ngesandla, bafika phambi kukaJosefa, bamkhothamela phansi.
7 Amadoda amnika uJosefa isipho, ahlala phansi phambi kwakhe, uJosefa wathi kubo: “Nisaphila kahle yini, nisaphila kahle yini ngabantwana benu, nisaphila kahle yini

yihlo osekhulile?" Bathi: "Kusaphila kahle." UJuda wathatha incwadi uJakobe ayeyithumele wayinika uJosefa.
8 UJosefa wayifunda incwadi futhi wayazi umbhalo kayise, futhi wafisa ukukhala, wangena ekamelweni elingaphakathi wakhala kakhulu; waphuma.
9 Waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wambona umfowabo uBenjamini, wathi: "Nguye lo umfowenu enakhuluma ngaye kimi na?" UBenjamini wasondela kuJosefa, uJosefa wabeka isandla sakhe ekhanda lakhe, wathi kuye: "UNkulunkulu makabe nomusa kuwe ndodana yami."
10 Kwathi uJosefa ebona umfowabo, indodana kanina, waphinde wafisa ukukhala, wangena ekamelweni, wakhala lapho, wageza ubuso bakhe, waphuma wazibamba ekukhaleni, wathi: "Lungisani ukudla."
11 UJosefa wayesethatha indebe aphuza kuyo, yayiyesiliva ehlotshiswe kahle ngamatshe e-onikisi ne-bedola, wayishaya indebe emehlweni abafowabo behlezi ekudleni naye.
12 UJosefa wathi kumadoda: "Ngiyazi ngale ndebe ukuthi uRubeni izibulo, uSimeyoni, noLevi, noJuda, no-Isakare, noZebuloni bangabantwana bomama oyedwa, hlalani phansi ukuze nidle ngokwezizukulwane zenu."
13 Wabeka nabanye ngokokuzalwa kwabo, wathi: "Ngiyazi ukuthi lo mfowenu omncane akanaye umfowenu, nami, njengaye, anginaye umfowenu, ngakho-ke uzohlala phansi adle nami."
14 UBenjamini wakhuphukela phambi kukaJosefa wahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi, amadoda abona izenzo zikaJosefa, futhi amangala ngawo; amadoda adla futhi aphuza ngaleso sikhathi noJosefa, wabe esewanika izipho, uJosefa wanika uBenjamini isipho esisodwa, uManase no-Efrayimi babona izenzo zikayise, futhi nabo bamnika izipho, u-Osnath wamnika isipho esisodwa, futhi kwakuyizipho ezinhlanu esandleni sikaBenjamini.
15 UJosefa wabaphumisela iwayini ukuba baphuze, kodwa bona bala ukuliphuza, bathi: "Kusukela osukwini uJosefa alahleka ngalo, asizange siphuze iwayini, futhi asizange sidle ukudla okumnandi."
16 UJosefa wabafungisa, wabacindezela kakhulu, baphuza kakhulu naye ngalolo suku, uJosefa kamuva waphendukela kumfowabo uBenjamini ukuze akhulume naye, uBenjamini wayesehleli esihlalweni sobukhosi phambi kukaJosefa.
17 UJosefa wathi kuye: "Usuzele abantwana na?" Wathi: "Inceku yakho inamadodana ayishumi; lawa ngamagama awo: uBela, noBekeri, no-Ashibali, noGera, noNahamani, no-Ahi, noRoshi, noMupimi, noKhupimi, no-Ord; ngabaqamba ngamagama abo ngomfowethu engingazange ngimbone."
18 Wayala ukuba balethe phambi kwakhe imephu yakhe yezinkanyezi, uJosefa ayezazi njalo, uJosefa wathi kuBenjamini: "Ngizwile ukuthi amaHeberu ayazi konke ukuhlakanipha, uyazi yini ngalokhu?"
19 UBenjamini wathi: "Inceku yakho iyazi nakho konke ukuhlakanipha ubaba angifundise khona." UJosefa wathi kuBenjamini: "Bheka manje leli thuluzi, ubone ukuthi uJosefa umfowenu ukuphi eGibithe, owathi wehlela eGibithe."
20 UBenjamini wabona lelo thuluzi elinemephu yezinkanyezi zezulu, futhi wayehlakaniphile futhi wabheka kulo ukuze azi ukuthi umfowabo ukuphi, uBenjamini wahlukanisa lonke izwe laseGibhithe laba yizigaba ezine, futhi wathola ukuthi owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi phambi kwakhe kwakunguJosefa umfowabo, futhi uBenjamini wamangala kakhulu, futhi lapho uJosefa ebona ukuthi umfowabo uBenjamini wayemangale kakhulu, wathi kuBenjamini, Uboneni, futhi kungani umangale?
21 UBenjamini wathi kuJosefa, Ngiyabona ngalokhu ukuthi uJosefa umfowethu uhlezi nami esihlalweni sobukhosi, uJosefa wathi kuye, NginguJosefa umfowethu, ungatsheli abafowenu lokhu; bheka ngizokuthuma nabo uma sebehamba, futhi ngizoyala ukuba babuyiselwe emuva edolobheni, futhi ngizokususa kubo.
22 Futhi uma bezama ukuphila kwabo futhi belwela wena, khona-ke ngiyokwazi ukuthi baphendukile kulokho abakwenze kimi, futhi ngizozibonakalisa kubo, futhi uma bekushiya lapho ngikuthatha, khona-ke uzohlala nami, futhi ngizolwa nabo, futhi bazohamba, futhi ngeke ngibonakale kubo.
23 Ngaleso sikhathi uJosefa wayala induna yakhe ukuba igcwalise amasaka abo ngokudla, ifake imali yalowo nalowo esakeni lakhe, ibeke indebe esakeni likaBenjamini, ibanike nomphako wendlela; benze njalo kubo.
24 Ngakusasa amadoda avuka ekuseni kakhulu, athwesa izimbongolo zawo amabele awo, aphuma noBenjamini, aya ezweni laseKhanani kanye nomfowabo uBenjamini.
25 Babengakahambi kude neGibhithe lapho uJosefa eyala umphathi wendlu yakhe, ethi: "Suka, ulandele lawa madoda engakafiki kude neGibhithe, uthi kuwo: 'Niyebeleni indebe yenkosi yami?'
26 Induna kaJosefa yasukuma, yafika kubo, yabatshela wonke amazwi kaJosefa; kwathi lapho bezwa lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu, bathi: "Lowo okutholakala kuye indebe yenkosi yakho uyakufa, thina sibe yizigqila."
27 Base beshesha, yilowo nalowo wehlisa isaka lakhe embongolweni yakhe, babheka ezikhwameni zabo, babona indebe itholakala esikhwameni sikaBenjamini, baklebhula izingubo zabo, babuyela emzini, bamshaya uBenjamini endleleni, bamshaya njalo waze wafika emzini, bema phambi kukaJosefa.
28 Ulaka lukaJuda lwavutha, wathi: "Lo muntu ungibuyisele ukuzobhubhisa iGibithe namuhla."
29 Amadoda afika endlini kaJosefa, amthola uJosefa ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, nawo wonke amadoda anamandla emi ngakwesokunene sakhe nangakwesobunxele sakhe.
30 UJosefa wathi kubo: "Yini le nto eniyenzile, nathatha indebe yami yesiliva, nahamba na? Kodwa ngiyazi ukuthi nathatha indebe yami ukuze nazi ukuthi umfowenu ukuliphi izwe."
31 UJuda wathi: "Sizakuthini enkosini yethu, sithini, sizithethelele kanjani na? UNkulunkulu ufumene namuhla ububi bezinceku zakho zonke, ngalokho wenze lokhu kithi namuhla."
32 UJosefa wasukuma wabamba uBenjamini wamthatha kubafowabo ngobudlova, wafika endlini wabakhiya umnyango, uJosefa wayala owayephethe indlu yakhe ukuthi athi kubo: Itsho njalo inkosi: Hambani ngokuthula niye kuyihlo; bhekani, ngimthathile umuntu okwatholakala kuye indebe yami.

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1 Kwathi uJuda esebonile izenzo zikaJosefa kubo, uJuda wasondela kuye, wavula umnyango, wafika nabafowabo phambi kukaJosefa.
2 UJuda wathi kuJosefa: “Makungabi kubi emehlweni enkosi yami, inceku yakho mayikhulume izwi phambi kwakho na?” UJosefa wathi kuye: “Khuluma.”
3 UJuda wakhuluma phambi kukaJosefa, nabafowabo bemi lapho phambi kwabo; uJuda wathi kuJosefa: “Ngempela, lapho sifika enkosini yethu okokuqala ukuzothenga ukudla, wasibheka njengezinhloli zezwe, saletha uBenjamini phambi kwakho, kepha usasihleka usulu namuhla.”
4 Ngakho-ke inkosi mayizwe amazwi ami, ithumele umfowethu ukuba ahambe nathi aye kubaba, funa umphefumulo wakho ubhubhe namuhla kanye nabo bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe.”
5 Awazi yini ukuthi abafowethu ababili, uSimeyoni noLevi, benzani emzini waseShekemi, nasemizini eyisikhombisa yama-Amori, ngenxa kaDina udadewethu, nokuthi babezokwenzani ngenxa yomfowabo uBenjamini?
6 Mina ngamandla ami, engimkhulu futhi nginamandla kunabo bobabili, ngizokuza namuhla kuwe nasezweni lakho uma ungathumeli umfowethu.
7 Awuzwanga yini lokho uNkulunkulu wethu owasikhetha akwenza kuFaro ngenxa kaSara umama wethu, amthatha kubaba, ukuthi wamshaya yena nendlu yakhe ngezinhlupho ezinzima, ukuthi kuze kube namuhla abaseGibhithe baxoxa ngalesi simangaliso, uNkulunkulu wethu uzokwenza kanjalo kuwe ngenxa kaBenjamini omthathile kuyise namuhla, nangenxa yobubi obusibekela phezu kwethu namuhla ezweni lakini; ngokuba uNkulunkulu wethu uzokhumbula isivumelwano sakhe nobaba u-Abrahama, alethe okubi phezu kwakho, ngokuba udabukisile umphefumulo kababa namuhla.
8 Ngakho-ke zwanini amazwi ami engiwakhulume kini namuhla, nimthume umfowethu ukuba ahambe, funa wena nabantu bezwe lakini nife ngenkemba, ngokuba aniyikunginqoba nonke.
9 UJosefa wamphendula uJuda, wathi: “Uvuleleni umlomo wakho, uzikhukhumezelani ngathi, uthi: ‘Amandla anawe?’
10 Njengoba uFaro ephila, uma ngingayala wonke amadoda ami anamandla ukuba alwe nawe, wena nalaba bafowenu ningacwila odakeni.”
10 UJuda wathi kuJosefa: “Impela kufanele wena nabantu bakho ukungesaba; kuphila kukaJehova uma ngihosha inkemba yami, angiyikuyibeka futhi esikhondweni sayo ngize ngibulale iGibithe lonke namuhla, ngiqale ngawe, ngiqede ngoFaro inkosi yakho.”
11 UJosefa waphendula wathi kuye: “Impela amandla awakho wedwa; nginamandla kunawe, impela uma uhosha inkemba yakho ngizoyibeka entanyeni yakho nasezintanyeni zabo bonke abafowenu.”
12 UJuda wathi kuye: “Impela uma ngivula umlomo wami ngawe namuhla, bengizokugwinya, ubhujiswe emhlabeni, ubhubhe namuhla embusweni wakho.” UJosefa wathi: “Impela uma uvula umlomo wakho, nginamandla okuvala umlomo wakho ngetshe, uze ungakwazi ukukhuluma izwi; bheka ukuthi mangaki amatshe phambi kwethu, ngingathatha itshe, ngiliphoqe emlonyeni wakho, ngiphule imihlathi yakho.”
13 UJuda wathi: “UNkulunkulu ungufakazi phakathi kwethu ukuthi asikaze sifune ukulwa nani kuze kube manje; sinikeni kuphela umfowethu, sizohamba nisuke.” UJosefa waphendula wathi: “Kuphila kukaFaro, uma onke amakhosi aseKhanani ebehlangana nani, aniyikumthatha esandleni sami.”
14 Ngakho-ke hamba uye kuyihlo, umfowenu uzakuba yisigqila sami, ngoba uphange indlu yenkosi. UJuda wasesithi: Kuyini kuwe loba ngesimo senkosi, inkosi izathumela isiliva legolide endlini yayo, kungaba yizipho loba izindleko, kodwa usakhuluma ngendebe yakho oyibeke esikhwameni somfowethu uthi uyintshontshile?
15 UNkulunkulu makangenqabele ukuba umfowethu uBenjamini noma noma yimuphi wenzalo ka-Abrahama enze lokhu ukuze antshontshe kuwe, noma kunoma ubani omunye, kungaba yinkosi, isikhulu, noma yimuphi umuntu.
16 Ngakho-ke yekani lokhu kumangalela funa umhlaba wonke uzwe amazwi enu, nithi: ‘Ngemali encane inkosi yaseGibhithe yaxabana nala madoda, yabamangalela, yathatha umfowabo waba yisigqila.’
17 UJosefa waphendula wathi, Thathani le ndebe nisuke kimi nishiye umfowenu abe yisigqila, ngoba kuyisinqumo sesela ukuba yisigqila.
18 UJuda wathi: “Kungani ungenamahloni ngamazwi akho okuthi ushiye umfowethu, uthathe indebe yakho? Uma ungasinika indebe yakho, noma kayinkulungwane, asiyikumshiya umfowethu ngesiliva esitholakale esandleni somuntu, ukuze singafi ngenxa yakhe.”
19 UJosefa waphendula wathi: “Umshiyeleni umfowenu, wamthengisa ngezinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamashumi amabili kuze kube namuhla, pho kungani ungamenzi okufanayo kulo mfowenu na?”
20 UJuda wathi: “UJehova ungufakazi phakathi kwami nawe ukuthi asifisi izimpi zakho; ngalokho sinike umfowethu, siyakuhamba singalwi.”
21 UJosefa waphendula wathi: “Uma onke amakhosi ezwe ehlangana, awayikukwazi ukuthatha umfowenu esandleni sami.” UJuda wathi: “Siyakuthini kubaba, lapho ebona ukuthi umfowenu akahambi nathi, abese ekhala ngaye?”
22 UJosefa waphendula wathi: “Nansi into eniyakuyitshela uyihlo, nithi: ‘Intambo idlule ebhodweni.’
23 UJuda wathi: “Impela uyinkosi, pho kungani ukhuluma lezi zinto, ukhipha isahlulelo esingamanga? Maye enkosini efana nawe!”
24 UJosefa waphendula wathi, Akukho ukwahlulela okungamanga ezwini engalikhuluma ngoJosefa umfowenu, ngoba nonke nimthengise kwabakwaMidiyani ngezinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamashumi amabili, futhi nonke naphika kuyihlo futhi nathi kuye, Isilo esibi simdlile, uJosefa udwenguliwe waba yizicucu.
25 UJuda wathi: “Bheka umlilo kaShemi uvutha enhliziyweni yami, manje ngizoshisa lonke izwe lakho ngomlilo.” UJosefa waphendula wathi: “Impela udadewabo womkakhe uTamari, owabulala amadodana akho, ucime umlilo waseShekemi.”
26 UJuda wathi: “Uma ngisusa unwele olulodwa enyameni yami, ngiyakugcwalisa lonke iGibithe ngegazi lalo.”
27 UJosefa waphendula wathi, “Lena yindlela yenu yokwenza njengoba nenza kumfowenu enamthengisa, nafaka ingubo yakhe egazini nayiyisa kuyihlo ukuze athi udliwe yisilwane esibi kanti nansi igazi lakhe.”
28 Lapho uJuda ezwa lokhu wathukuthela kakhulu, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha ngaphakathi kwakhe,

kwakukhona phambi kwakhe itshe kuleyo ndawo, isisindo salo singamashekeli angamakhulu amane, intukuthelo kaJuda yavutha, wathatha itshe ngesandla esisodwa waliphonsa ezulwini, walibamba ngesandla sakhe sokhohlo.
29 Wabe esesibeka ngaphansi kwemilenze yakhe, wahlala phezu kwaso ngamandla akhe onke, itshe laphenduka uthuli oluvela emandleni kaJuda.
30 UJosefa esebona isenzo sikaJuda wesaba kakhulu, kodwa wayala uManase indodana yakhe, wenza nelinye itshe elifana nesenzo sikaJuda, uJuda wathi kubafowabo: "Makungabikho muntu kini othi: Lo muntu ungumGibhithe, kodwa ngokwenza lokhu ungowomndeni kababa."
31 UJosefa wathi: "Akunina nodwa eninikwe amandla, ngokuba nathi singamadoda anamandla, kungani nizikhukhumeza ngathi sonke?" UJuda wathi kuJosefa: "Ake nithumele umfowethu, ningachithi izwe lakini namuhla."
32 UJosefa waphendula wathi kubo: "Hambani niyotshela uyihlo ukuthi, 'Isilwane esibi simdlile' njengoba nasho ngomfowenu uJosefa.'
33 UJuda wakhuluma nomfowabo uNafetali, wathi kuye: "Shesha, hamba manje, ubale zonke izitaladi zaseGibithe, uze ungitshele." USimeyoni wathi kuye: "Ungavumeli lokhu kube yinto ekucindezelayo; manje ngiyakuya entabeni, ngithathe itshe elikhulu entabeni, ngilibeke phezu kwawo wonke umuntu waseGibithe, ngibulale bonke abakuyo."
34 UJosefa wezwa wonke lawa mazwi abafowabo ababewakhuluma phambi kwakhe, futhi babengazi ukuthi uJosefa wayewaqonda, ngoba babecabanga ukuthi wayengazi ukukhuluma isiHebheru.
35 UJosefa wesaba kakhulu ngamazwi abafowabo funa babhubhise iGibhithe, wayala indodana yakhe uManase, wathi: "Hambani nisheshe nibuthele kimi bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe, nawo wonke amadoda anamandla ndawonye, beze kimi manje ngamahhashi nangezinyawo nangazo zonke izinhlobo zezinsimbi zomculo, uManase wahamba wenza kanjalo."
36 UNafetali wahamba njengokuyala kukaJuda, ngokuba uNafetali wayeyisiphukuphuku njengenye yezimpala ezisheshayo, wayehamba ezikhwetshini zamabele, azizange ziphule phansi kwakhe.
37 Wahamba, wabala zonke izitaladi zaseGibithe, wabathola beyishumi nambili, washesha wafika watshela uJuda; uJuda wathi kubafowabo: "Sheshani nibophe, kube yilowo nalowo inkemba yakhe okhalweni lwakhe, size sifike eGibithe, sibabulale bonke, kungasali muntu."
38 UJuda wathi: "Bhekani, ngizobhubhisa imigwaqo emithathu ngamandla ami, futhi nizobhubhisa imigwaqo eyodwa." Kwathi uJuda ekhuluma lokhu, bheka, izakhamuzi zaseGibithe nazo zonke iziqhwaga zafika kubo nazo zonke izinhlobo zezinsimbi zomculo kanye nokumemeza okukhulu.
39 Inani labo lalingamabutho amahhashi angamakhulu amahlanu kanye namasosha ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi, kanye namadoda angamakhulu amane ayekwazi ukulwa ngaphandle kwenkemba noma umkhonto, kodwa ngezandla zawo namandla awo kuphela.
40 Bonke abanamandla beza ngokuvunguza okukhulu nangokumemeza, bazungeza amadodana kaJakobe, bawasaba, umhlaba wazamazama ngomsindo wokumemeza kwawo.
41 Kwathi lapho amadodana kaJakobe ebona la mabutho esaba kakhulu ngokuphila kwawo, uJosefa wenza kanjalo ukuze esabise amadodana kaJakobe ukuze aphumule.
42 UJuda, ebona abanye babafowabo bethukile, wathi kubo: "Nisabelani, kanti umusa kaNkulunkulu unathi?" Kwathi lapho uJuda ebona bonke abantu baseGibhithe bebazungezile ngomyalo kaJosefa wokubasabisa, uJosefa kuphela owabayala, wathi: "Ningathinti muntu kubo."
43 UJuda washesha wahosha inkemba yakhe, wakhala kakhulu futhi kabuhlungu, washaya ngenkemba yakhe, wagxuma phansi waqhubeka nokumemeza ngokumelene nabo bonke abantu.
44 Kwathi esekwenzile lokhu, uJehova wenza ukuba ukwesaba kukaJuda nabafowabo kwehlele phezu kwamadoda anamandla nabo bonke abantu ababebazungezile.
45 Bonke babaleka bezwa umsindo wokumemeza, besaba kakhulu, bawa omunye phezu komunye, abaningi babo bafa njengoba bewa, futhi bonke babaleka phambi kukaJuda nabafowabo kanye noJosefa.
46 Kwathi besabaleka, uJuda nabafowabo babalandela baze bafika endlini kaFaro, bonke babaleka, uJuda wahlala phansi phambi kukaJosefa, wabhonga kuye njengengonyama, wamkhalela kakhulu.
47 Ukukhala kwezwakala kude, nabo bonke abakhileyo eSukoti bezwa, lonke iGibhithe lathuthumela ngomsindo wokukhala, nezindonga zaseGibhithe nezwe laseGosheni zawa ngenxa yokuzamazama komhlaba, noFaro wawa esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi phansi, nabo bonke abesifazane abakhulelwe baseGibhithe naseGosheni baphuphuma izisu lapho bezwa umsindo wokuzamazama, ngokuba babesaba kakhulu.
48 UFaro wathumela izwi, wathi: "Kuyini lokhu okwenzeke namuhla ezweni laseGibithe na?" Bafika bamtshela konke kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekugcineni; uFaro wesaba, wamangala, wesaba kakhulu.
49 Ukwesaba kwakhe kwanda lapho ezwa zonke lezi zinto, wathumela kuJosefa, wathi: "Ungilethele amaHebheru ukuba azobhubhisa lonke iGibhithe; uzokwenzenjani ngalowo nceku oyisela? Mkhulule ahambe nabafowabo, singabhubhi ngenxa yobubi babo, thina, wena kanye nalo lonke iGibhithe."
50 Uma ungafuni ukwenza lokhu, lahla zonke izinto zami eziyigugu kuwe, uhambe nabo uye ezweni labo, uma uthanda, ngokuba namuhla bazobhubhisa izwe lami lonke, babulale bonke abantu bami; yebo bonke abesifazane baseGibhithe baphuphunyelwe yizisu ngenxa yokukhala kwabo; bheka ukuthi benzeni ngokumemeza nokukhuluma kwabo kuphela, futhi uma belwa ngenkemba, bazobhubhisa izwe; ngakho-ke khetha lokho okufisayo, noma mina noma amaHebheru, noma iGibhithe noma izwe lamaHebheru.
51 Bafika bamtshela uJosefa wonke amazwi kaFaro ayewashilo ngaye, uJosefa wesaba kakhulu ngamazwi kaFaro noJuda, abafowabo base bemi phambi kukaJosefa bethukuthele futhi bethukuthele, futhi wonke amadodana kaJakobe abhonga kuJosefa, njengokubhonga kolwandle namagagasi alo.

52 UJosefa wayesesaba kakhulu abafowabo nangenxa kaFaro, uJosefa wafuna isizathu sokuzazisa kubafowabo, funa babhubhise lonke iGibhithe.
53 UJosefa wayala indodana yakhe uManase; uManase wahamba, wasondela kuJuda, wabeka isandla sakhe ehlombe lakhe; ulaka lukaJuda lwaphela.
54 UJuda wathi kubafowabo: "Makungabikho muntu kini othi lesi yisenzo somfana waseGibhithe ngoba lokhu kungumsebenzi wendlu kababa."
55 UJosefa esebona futhi esazi ukuthi intukuthelo kaJuda isiphelile, wasondela ukukhuluma noJuda ngolimi olumnene.
56 UJosefa wathi kuJuda: "Impela ukhuluma iqiniso, namuhla uqinisekisile amazwi akho ngamandla akho, kwangathi uNkulunkulu wakho othokoza ngawe angakwandisa inhlalakahle yakho; kodwa ngitshele ngempela ukuthi kungani uphikisana nami phakathi kwabo bonke abafowenu ngenxa yomfana, njengoba kungekho noyedwa kubo okhulume kimi ngaye."
57 UJuda waphendula uJosefa, wathi: "Uyazi impela ukuthi ngibe yisibambiso somfana kuyise, ngathi: 'Uma ngingamlethi kuye, ngiyakuthwala icala lakhe kuze kube phakade.'
58 Ngakho-ke ngisondele kuwe phakathi kwabo bonke abafowethu, ngoba ngibonile ukuthi awufuni ukumvumela ukuba ahambe kuwe; ngakho-ke manje mangithole umusa emehlweni akho ukuthi umthumele ukuba ahambe nathi, futhi bheka ngizosala esikhundleni sakhe, ukuze ngikukhonze kunoma yini oyifunayo, ngoba noma yikuphi lapho ungithumela khona ngizoya khona ukuyokukhonza ngamandla amakhulu.
59 Ngithumele manje enkosini enamandla ekuhlubukile, wazi ukuthi ngizokwenzelani yona nezwe layo; noma ingaba namahhashi nabahamba ngezinyawo noma abantu abanamandla kakhulu, ngizobabulala bonke futhi ngilethe ikhanda lenkosi phambi kwakho.
60 Awazi yini noma awuzwanga ukuthi ubaba wethu u-Abrahama nenceku yakhe u-Eliyezeri babulala wonke amakhosi ase-Elamu namabutho awo ngobusuku obubodwa, abashiyanga noyedwa osindile? Kusukela ngalolo suku amandla kababa anikwa thina njengefa, lethu nenzalo yethu kuze kube phakade.
61 UJosefa waphendula wathi: "Nikhuluma iqiniso, akukho amanga emlonyeni wenu, ngokuba sitshelwe ukuthi amaHeberu anamandla nokuthi uJehova uNkulunkulu wawo uyawajabulela kakhulu, pho-ke ngubani ongema phambi kwawo na?"
62 Nokho, ngalo mbandela ngizothumela umfowenu, uma niletha phambi kwami umfowabo indodana kanina, enathi ngaye wehlela eGibhithe esuka kini; futhi kuzothi lapho niletha umfowabo kimi, mina ngimthathe esikhundleni sakhe, ngoba akekho kini owayeyisibambiso sikayise, futhi lapho efika kimi, ngizomthumela kanye nani umfowabo enibe yisibambiso sakhe.
63 Intukuthelo kaJuda yavutha kuJosefa lapho ekhuluma lokhu, amehlo akhe aconsa igazi ngentukuthelo, wathi kubafowabo: "Lo muntu ufuna kanjani ukubhujiswa kwakhe namuhla kanye neGibhithe lonke na?"
64 USimeyoni waphendula uJosefa, wathi: "Asikutshelanga yini ekuqaleni ukuthi besingazi ukuthi uye kuphi nokuthi ufile noma uyaphila? Pho, kungani inkosi yami ikhuluma kanje na?"
65 UJosefa wabona ubuso bukaJuda ukuthi intukuthelo yakhe yaqala ukuvutha lapho ekhuluma kuye, ethi: "Lethani kimi omunye umfowenu esikhundleni salo mfowenu."
66 UJosefa wathi kubafowabo, Impela nithe umfowenu ufile noma ulahlekile, manje uma ngingambiza namuhla bese eza phambi kwenu, ningamnika mina esikhundleni somfowabo?
67 UJosefa waqala ukukhuluma nokumemeza, Josefa, Josefa, woza phambi kwami namuhla, ubonakale kubafowenu uhlale phambi kwabo.
68 Kwathi uJosefa esekhulume lokhu phambi kwabo, babheka omunye nomunye ngendlela ehlukile ukuze babone ukuthi uJosefa uzovelaphi phambi kwabo.
69 UJosefa wabona konke abakwenzayo, wathi kubo: "Nibhekelani lapha nalaphaya? NginguJosefa enamthengisa eGibhithe; ngakho-ke maningadabuki ngokuthi nangithengisa, ngokuba uNkulunkulu wangithuma phambi kwenu ukuba nginisekele ngesikhathi sendlala."
70 Abafowabo bamesaba kakhulu lapho bezwa amazwi kaJosefa, noJuda wamesaba kakhulu.
71 Kwathi uBenjamini ezwa amazwi kaJosefa, wayesephambi kwabo ngaphakathi kwendlu, uBenjamini wagijimela kuJosefa umfowabo, wamanga, wawela entanyeni yakhe, bakhala.
72 Kwathi lapho abafowabo bakaJosefa bebona ukuthi uBenjamini wayewele entanyeni yomfowabo futhi ekhala naye, nabo bawela kuJosefa bamgona, bakhala kakhulu noJosefa.
73 Izwi lezwakala endlini kaJosefa lokuthi bangabafowabo bakaJosefa, futhi kwamjabulisa kakhulu uFaro, ngoba wayesaba ukuthi bangabhubhisi iGibhithe.
74 UFaro wathumela izinceku zakhe kuJosefa ukuyomhalalisela ngabafowabo ababeze kuye, futhi zonke izinduna zamabutho namabutho ayeseGibhithe zafika ukuzojabula noJosefa, futhi lonke iGibhithe lajabula kakhulu ngabafowabo bakaJosefa.
75 UFaro wathuma izinceku zakhe kuJosefa, wathi: "Tshela abafowenu ukuthi bathathe konke okungokwabo, beze kimi, ngibabeke engxenyeni enhle kakhulu yezwe laseGibithe."
76 UJosefa wayala owayephethe indlu yakhe ukuba alethe izipho nezingubo kubafowabo, wabalethela izingubo eziningi, izingubo zobukhosi nezipho eziningi, uJosefa wazehlukanisa nabafowabo.
77 Wanika ngamunye wabafowabo izingubo zokushintsha zegolide nezesiliva, nezinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamakhulu amathathu, uJosefa wayala ukuba bonke bagqoke lezi zingubo, futhi balethwe phambi kukaFaro.
78 UFaro ebona ukuthi bonke abafowabo bakaJosefa bangamadoda anamandla, bebukeka kahle, wajabula kakhulu.
79 Ngemva kwalokho basuka ebusweni bukaFaro baya ezweni laseKhanani, kuyise, kanye nomfowabo uBenjamini enabo.
80 UJosefa wasukuma wabanika izinqola eziyishumi nanye ezivela kuFaro, uJosefa wabanika inqola yakhe, ahamba ngayo ngosuku lokugcotshwa kwakhe eGibhithe,

ukuyolanda uyise eGibhithe; uJosefa wathumela kubo bonke abantwana babafowabo, izingubo ngokwenani labo, nezinhlamvu zesiliva eziyikhulu kulowo nalowo kubo, wathumela nezingubo kubafazi babafowabo ezivela ezingutsheni zabafazi benkosi, wabathumela.
81 Wanika ngamunye wabafowabo amadoda ayishumi ukuba ahambe nabo baye ezweni laseKhanani ukuze babakhonze, bakhonze abantwana babo nabo bonke abangababo ekufikeni eGibhithe.
82 UJosefa wathumela ngesandla somfowabo uBenjamini izingubo eziyishumi zamadodana akhe ayishumi, isabelo esingaphezu kwabantwana bamadodana kaJakobe.
83 Wathumela kumuntu ngamunye izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamashumi amahlanu, nezinqola eziyishumi ngenxa kaFaro, wathumela kuyise izimbongolo eziyishumi ezithwele konke ukunethezeka kwaseGibhithe, nezimbongolo eziyishumi ezithwele okusanhlamvu nesinkwa nokudla kukayise, nakubo bonke ababenaye njengomphako wendlela.
84 Wathumela kudadewabo uDina izingubo zesiliva negolide, nenhlaka yempepho, ne-mure, ne-alo, nemihlobiso yabesifazane emininga kakhulu, wathumela okufanayo kubafazi bakaFaro kubafazi bakwaBenjamini.
85 Wanika bonke abafowabo, kanye nabafazi babo, zonke izinhlobo zamatshe e-onikisi ne-bedola, kanye nazo zonke izinto eziyigugu phakathi kwabantu abakhulu baseGibhithe, akukho lutho lwazo zonke izinto ezibizayo olwasala ngaphandle kwalokho uJosefa akuthumele endlini kayise.
86 Wasebamukisa abafowabo, bahamba, wathumela umfowabo uBenjamini nabo.
87 UJosefa waphuma nabo ukuze abaphelezele endleleni eya emingceleni yaseGibhithe, wabayala ngoyise nabendlu yakhe, ukuba beze eGibhithe.
88 Wathi kubo: “Ningaxabani endleleni, ngokuba lokhu kuvela eNkosini ukuze kugcinwe abantu abaningi endlaleni, ngoba kusazoba khona iminyaka emihlanu yendlala ezweni.”
89 Wabayala, wathi, Uma nifika ezweni laseKhanani, ningafiki ngokuzumayo phambi kukababa kule ndaba, kodwa yenzani ngokuhlakanipha kwenu.
90 UJosefa eseyekile ukubayala, waphenduka wabuyela eGibhithe, amadodana kaJakobe aya ezweni laseKhanani ngenjabulo nokuthokoza kuyise uJakobe.
91 Base befika emingceleni yezwe, bathi omunye komunye, Sizokwenzenjani kule ndaba phambi kukababa, ngoba uma sifika kuye ngokuzumayo simtshele le ndaba, uzokwethuka kakhulu ngamazwi ethu futhi ngeke akholwe yithi.
92 Bahamba baze bafika ezindlini zabo, bathola uSeraki, indodakazi ka-Asheri, ephuma ukuyobahlangabeza, futhi intombi yayinhle kakhulu futhi ihlakaniphile, futhi yayikwazi ukudlala ihabhu.
93 Base bembiza, weza phambi kwabo, wabaqabula, bamthatha bamnika ihabhu, bethi, Hamba phambi kukababa, uhlale phambi kwakhe, ushaye ihabhu, ukhulume lawa mazwi.
94 Base bemyala ukuba aye endlini yabo, wathatha ihabhu washesha phambi kwabo, wafika wahlala eduze kukaJakobe.
95 Wadlala kahle wahlabelela, washo amazwi amnandi athi, UJosefa umalume wami uyaphila, futhi ubusa kulo lonke izwe laseGibhithe, futhi akakafi.
96 Waqhubeka nokuphindaphinda nokusho la mazwi, uJakobe wezwa amazwi akhe futhi avumelana naye.
97 Walalela ngenkathi ewaphinda kabili nakathathu, kwathi injabulo yangena enhliziyweni kaJakobe ngobumnandi bamazwi akhe, nomoya kaNkulunkulu wawuphezu kwakhe, futhi wayazi ukuthi wonke amazwi akhe ayiqiniso.
98 UJakobe wambusisa uSeraki lapho ekhuluma la mazwi phambi kwakhe, wathi kuye, Ndodakazi yami, ukufa akusoze kwanqoba, ngokuba uvuselele umoya wami; khuluma phambi kwami njengoba ukhulumile, ngoba ungithokozisile ngamazwi akho onke.
99 Waqhubeka nokuhlabelela la mazwi, uJakobe walalela futhi kwamjabulisa, wajabula, futhi umoya kaNkulunkulu wawuphezu kwakhe.
100 Esakhuluma naye, bheka, amadodana akhe afika kuye enamahhashi nezinqola, nezingubo zasebukhosini, nezinceku zigijima phambi kwawo.
101 UJakobe wasukuma ukubahlangabeza, wabona amadodana akhe egqoke izingubo zobukhosi futhi wabona yonke ingcebo uJosefa ayebathumele yona.
102 Bathi kuye: “Makutshelwe ukuthi umfowethu uJosefa usaphila, futhi nguye obusa kulo lonke izwe laseGibhithe, futhi nguye owakhuluma nathi njengoba sikutshelile.”
103 UJakobe wezwa wonke amazwi amadodana akhe, futhi inhliziyo yakhe yadabuka ngamazwi abo, ngoba wayengenakubakholwa waze wabona konke uJosefa ayebanike kona nalokho ayemthume kona, nazo zonke izibonakaliso uJosefa ayezikhulumile kubo.
104 Base bevula phambi kwakhe, bambonisa konke uJosefa ayekuthumile, banika ngamunye lokho uJosefa ayemthume khona, futhi wayazi ukuthi babekhulume iqiniso, futhi wajabula kakhulu ngendaba yendodana yakhe.
105 UJakobe wathi, Kwanele kimi ukuthi indodana yami uJosefa isaphila, ngizohamba ngiyombona ngaphambi kokuba ngife.
106 Amadodana akhe amtshela konke okwabehlele, uJakobe wathi, Ngizokwehlela eGibhithe ukuyobona indodana yami nenzalo yayo.
107 UJakobe wasukuma wagqoka izingubo uJosefa ayemthume zona, kwathi ngemva kokugeza, nokuphuca izinwele zakhe, wafaka ekhanda lakhe isigqoko uJosefa ayemthume sona.
108 Bonke abantu bendlu kaJakobe nabafazi babo bagqoka izingubo uJosefa ayebathumelele zona, bajabula kakhulu ngoJosefa ngokuthi usaphila nokuthi ubusa eGibhithe,
109 Bonke abakhileyo eKhanani bezwa ngale ndaba, beza bajabula kakhulu noJakobe ukuthi usaphila.
110 UJakobe wabenzela idili izinsuku ezintathu, futhi wonke amakhosi aseKhanani kanye nezikhulu zezwe badla futhi baphuza futhi bajabula endlini kaJakobe.

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1 Kwathi ngemva kwalokhu uJakobe wathi, Ngizohamba ngiyobona indodana yami eGibhithe bese ngibuyela ezweni laseKhanani uNkulunkulu akhuluma ngalo ku-Abrahama, ngoba angikwazi ukuphuma ezweni lakithi.
2 Bheka, izwi likaJehova lafika kuye, lathi: “Yehla uye eGibhithe wena nendlu yakho yonke, uhlale khona;

ungesabi ukwehlela eGibhithe, ngokuba ngiyakukwenza isizwe esikhulu lapho.”
3 UJakobe wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: “Ngizohamba ngiyobona indodana yami ukuthi ingabe ukumesaba uNkulunkulu kusesenhliziyweni yayo phakathi kwabo bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe.”
4 INkosi yathi kuJakobe: “Ungesabi ngoJosefa, ngokuba usalokhu eqotho ukungikhonza, njengoba kubonakala kukuhle emehlweni akho, uJakobe wajabula kakhulu ngendodana yakhe.”
5 Ngaleso sikhathi uJakobe wayala amadodana akhe nomndeni wakhe ukuba baye eGibhithe ngokwezwi likaJehova kuye, uJakobe wasukuma namadodana akhe nabo bonke abendlu yakhe, waphuma ezweni laseKhanani eBeri Sheba ngentokozo nenjabulo yenhliziyo, baya ezweni laseGibhithe.
6 Kwathi sebesondele eGibhithe, uJakobe wathuma uJuda phambi kwakhe kuJosefa ukuba ambonise okwenzeka eGibhithe. UJuda wenza njengezwi likayise; washesha wagijima, waya kuJosefa, wababela indawo ezweni laseGosheni yabo bonke abendlu yakhe; uJuda wabuya, wahamba ngendlela eya kuyise.
7 UJosefa wabe esebopha inqola, waqoqa wonke amadoda akhe anamandla nezinceku zakhe nazo zonke izikhulu zaseGibhithe ukuze ahambe ayohlangabeza uyise uJakobe, futhi umyalo kaJosefa wamenyezelwa eGibhithe, wathi, “Bonke abangahambi ukuyohlangabeza uJakobe bazokufa.”
8 Ngakusasa uJosefa waphuma neGibhithe lonke, ibutho elikhulu nelinamandla, bonke begqoke izingubo zelineni elicolekileyo nelibubende, nezinto zesiliva negolide kanye nezinto zabo zempi.
9 Bonke baya kuJakobe bephethe zonke izinhlobo zezinsimbi zomculo, bephethe izigubhu nezigubhu, besakaza imure ne-aloe endleleni yonke, bonke balandela le ndlela, umhlaba wazamazama ngenxa yokumemeza kwabo.
10 Bonke abesifazane baseGibhithe bakhuphukela ophahleni lwaseGibhithe nasezindongeni ukuyohlangabeza uJakobe, futhi ekhanda likaJosefa kwakukhona umqhele wobukhosi kaFaro, ngoba uFaro wayewuthumele kuye ukuba awugqoke ngesikhathi eya ukuyohlangabeza uyise.
11 Kwathi uJosefa esefikile kuyise, ibanga elingamamitha angamashumi amahlanu, wehla enqoleni, wahamba waya kuyise; kwathi zonke izikhulu zaseGibhithe nezikhulu zalo zibona ukuthi uJosefa uhambe ngezinyawo waya kuyise, nazo zehla zaya kuJakobe.
12 Kwathi uJakobe esondela ekamu likaJosefa, uJakobe wabona ikamu elaliza kuye noJosefa, kwamjabulisa; uJakobe wamangala ngakho.
13 UJakobe wathi kuJuda: “Ngubani lowo muntu engimbona ekamu laseGibithe egqoke izingubo zobukhosi, enengubo ebomvu kakhulu, enomqhele wobukhosi ekhanda lakhe, owehlile enqoleni yakhe, weza kithi na?” UJuda wamphendula uyise, wathi: “Uyindodana yakho uJosefa inkosi;” uJakobe wajabula ukubona inkazimulo yendodana yakhe.
14 UJosefa wasondela kuyise wakhothamela uyise, nawo onke amadoda asekamu akhothamela phansi kanye naye phambi kukaJakobe.
15 Bheka uJakobe wagijima waphuthuma waya endodaneni yakhe uJosefa, wawa entanyeni yakhe, wamanga, bakhala, noJosefa wamanga uyise, wamanga, bakhala futhi bonke abantu baseGibhithe bakhala nabo.
16 UJakobe wathi kuJosefa: “Manje sengizokufa ngijabule, sengibonile ubuso bakho, ukuthi usaphila, unenkazimulo.”
17 Amadodana kaJakobe, nawomkawo, nabantwana bawo, nezinceku zawo, nayo yonke indlu kaJakobe bakhala kakhulu noJosefa; bamanga, bakhala kakhulu naye.
18 UJosefa nabo bonke abantu bakhe babuyela eGibhithe kamuva, uJakobe namadodana akhe nabo bonke abantwana bendlu yakhe bafika noJosefa eGibhithe, uJosefa wababeka engxenyeni enhle kakhulu yaseGibhithe, ezweni laseGosheni.
19 UJosefa wathi kuyise nakubafowabo: “Ngizokhuphuka ngiyotshela uFaro, ngithi: Abafowethu nendlu kababa nabo bonke ababa nabo bafikile kimi; bhekani, basezweni laseGosheni.”
20 UJosefa wenza njalo, wathatha kubafowabo uRubeni, u-Isakare uZebuloni, nomfowabo uBenjamini, wababeka phambi kukaFaro.
21 UJosefa wakhuluma kuFaro, wathi: “Abafowethu, nendlu kababa, nakho konke okungokwabo, kanye nezimvu zabo nezinkomo zabo, bafikile kimi bevela ezweni laseKhanani, bezogogobala eGibithe, ngokuba indlala yayinzima phezu kwabo.”
22 UFaro wathi kuJosefa: “Beka uyihlo nabafowenu engxenyeni enhle yezwe, ungabagodleli konke okuhle, ubaphe ukudla okunonile kwezwe.”
23 UJosefa waphendula wathi: “Bheka, ngibabeke ezweni laseGosheni, ngokuba bangabelusi bezimvu; ngakho-ke mabahlale eGosheni, baluse imihlambi yabo ngaphandle kwabaseGibithe.”
24 UFaro wathi kuJosefa: “Yenza kubafowenu konke abakushoyo kuwe.” Amadodana kaJakobe akhothamela uFaro, aphuma kuye ngokuthula; uJosefa waletha uyise kuFaro.
25 UJakobe wafika wakhothama kuFaro, uJakobe wambusisa uFaro, wabe esephuma; uJakobe nawo onke amadodana akhe, nendlu yakhe yonke bahlala ezweni laseGosheni.
26 Ngomnyaka wesibili, okungukuthi ngonyaka wekhulu namashumi amathathu wokuphila kukaJakobe, uJosefa wondla uyise, nabafowabo, nayo yonke indlu kayise, ngokudla ngokwabantwana babo, zonke izinsuku zendlala; abaswelanga lutho.
27 UJosefa wabanika ingxenye enhle kakhulu yezwe lonke; okuhle kakhulu kweGibhithe babenakho zonke izinsuku zikaJosefa; uJosefa wabanika nabo kanye nendlu yonke kayise izingubo nezingubo unyaka nonyaka; amadodana kaJakobe ahlala eGibhithe ephephile zonke izinsuku zomfowabo.
28 UJakobe wayedla etafuleni likaJosefa njalo, uJakobe namadodana akhe babengaphumi etafuleni likaJosefa imini nobusuku, ngaphandle kwalokho okwakudliwa ngabantwana bakaJakobe ezindlini zabo.
29 Bonke abaseGibhithe badla isinkwa ezinsukwini zendlala yendlu kaJosefa, ngokuba bonke abaseGibhithe bathengisa konke okwakungokwabo ngenxa yendlala.
30 UJosefa wathenga wonke umhlaba namasimu aseGibhithe ngesinkwa ngenxa kaFaro, uJosefa wapha lonke iGibhithe isinkwa ngazo zonke izinsuku zendlala, uJosefa waqoqa lonke isiliva negolide elalifika kuye

ngokusanhlamvu ababekuthenga ezweni lonke, waqoqa igolide nesiliva eliningi, ngaphandle kwamatshe e-onikisi, ne-bedola nezingubo eziyigugu abaziletha kuJosefa bevela kuzo zonke izingxenye zezwe lapho imali yabo isiphelile.
31 UJosefa wathatha lonke isiliva negolide elalisesandleni sakhe, cishe amathalenta angamashumi ayisikhombisa nambili egolide nesiliva, kanye namatshe e-onikisi ne-bedola ngobuningi, uJosefa wahamba wakufihla izingxenye ezine, wafihla ingxenye eyodwa ehlane eduze koLwandle Olubomvu, nengxenye eyodwa ngasemfuleni i-Perath, nengxenye yesithathu neyesine wayifihla ehlane elibhekene nehlane lasePheresiya nelaseMediya.
32 Wathatha ingxenye yegolide nesiliva eyayisele, wayinika bonke abafowabo nabo bonke abendlu kayise, nabo bonke abendlu kayise; kwathi okunye wakuletha endlini kaFaro, cishe amatalenta angamashumi amabili egolide nesiliva.
33 UJosefa wanikela lonke igolide nesiliva elalisele kuFaro, uFaro walibeka engcebweni, kwathi izinsuku zendlala zaphela emva kwalokho ezweni, bahlwanyela, bavuna ezweni lonke, bathola inani labo elivamile iminyaka ngeminyaka; babengasweli lutho.
34 UJosefa wahlala eGibhithe ephephile, izwe lonke laliphansi kweseluleko sakhe; uyise nabo bonke abafowabo bahlala ezweni laseGosheni, balidla.
35 UJosefa wayesemdala kakhulu, esekhulile ngezinsuku, namadodana akhe amabili, u-Efrayimi noManase, ahlala njalo endlini kaJakobe, kanye nabantwana bamadodana kaJakobe abafowabo, ukuze bafunde izindlela zikaJehova nomthetho wakhe.
36 UJakobe namadodana akhe bahlala ezweni laseGibhithe ezweni laseGosheni, bahlala kulo; bazala, banda kulo.

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1 UJakobe wahlala ezweni laseGibithe iminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa; izinsuku zikaJakobe zaziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amane nesikhombisa.
2 Ngaleso sikhathi uJakobe wahlaselwa yisifo afa ngaso, wathumela wabiza indodana yakhe uJosefa eGibhithe, uJosefa indodana yakhe wafika evela eGibhithe, uJosefa wafika kuyise.
3 UJakobe wathi kuJosefa nakumadodana akhe: “Bhekani, ngiyafa, uNkulunkulu wokhokho benu uzakunihambela, anibuyisele ezweni uJehova afunga ukuninika lona nabantwana benu emva kwenu; ngalokho-ke nxa sengifile, ngingcwabeni emhumeni oseMakaphela eHebroni ezweni laseKhanani, eduze kokhokho bami.”
4 UJakobe wafungisa amadodana akhe ukumngcwaba eMakaphela, eHebroni; amadodana akhe afunga kuye ngale ndaba.
5 Wabayala, wathi: Khonzani iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, ngoba lowo owakhulula oyihlo uzonikhulula nani kuzo zonke izinkathazo.
6 UJakobe wathi: “Bizani bonke abantwana benu beze kimi.” Bonke abantwana bamadodana kaJakobe beza bahlala phambi kwakhe, uJakobe wababusisa, wathi kubo: “INkosi uNkulunkulu wawoyihlo mayiniphe okuphindwe kayinkulungwane, inibusise, ininike isibusiso sika-Abrahama uyihlo.” Bonke abantwana bamadodana kaJakobe baphuma ngalolo suku emva kokuba ebabusisile.
7 Ngakusasa uJakobe wabiza amadodana akhe futhi, bonke babuthana beza kuye bahlala phambi kwakhe, uJakobe wabusisa amadodana akhe ngalolo suku ngaphambi kokufa kwakhe, wabusisa yilowo nalowo ngokwesibusiso sakhe; bheka kulotshiwe encwadini yomthetho kaJehova ophathelene no-Israyeli.
8 UJakobe wathi kuJuda: “Ngiyazi ndodana yami ukuthi uyindoda enamandla kubafowenu; babusise, namadodana akho ayakubusa phezu kwamadodana abo kuze kube phakade.”
9 Fundisa amadodana akho umnsalo nazo zonke izikhali zempi kuphela, ukuze alwe izimpi zomfowabo ozobusa phezu kwezitha zakhe.
10 UJakobe waphinda wayala amadodana akhe ngalolo suku, wathi: “Bhekani, namuhla ngiyakubuthelwa kubantu bakithi; ngithwaleni ngenyuse eGibithe, ningimbele emhumeni waseMakaphela, njengalokho ngikuyalile.”
11 Kodwa qaphelani ukuba kungabikho madodana enu ongithwalayo, nina kuphela; nansi indlela eniyakwenza kimi ngayo, lapho nithwala isidumbu sami ukuya naso ezweni laseKhanani ukuyongingcwaba.
12 UJuda, u-Isakare noZebuloni bayothwala uhlaka lwami ohlangothini lwasempumalanga; uRubeni, uSimeyoni noGadi eningizimu; u-Efrayimi, uManase noBenjamini entshonalanga, uDani, u-Asheri noNafetali enyakatho.
13 ULevi angathwali nawe, ngoba yena namadodana akhe bazothwala umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova kanye nama-Israyeli ekamu, noJosefa indodana yami angathwali, ngoba inkazimulo yakhe mayibe njengenkosi; nokho, u-Efrayimi noManase bayoba sesikhundleni sabo.
14 Niyakwenza kanjalo kimi lapho ningisusa; ningakhohlwa lutho lwakho konke enginiyala ngakho; kuyakuthi lapho nikwenza lokhu kimi, uJehova akukhumbule kahle wena nabantwana bakho emva kwenu kuze kube phakade.
15 Nina madodana ami, hloniphani umfowabo nesihlobo sakhe, niyale abantwana benu nabantwana babantwana benu ukuba bakhonze uJehova uNkulunkulu wokhokho benu izinsuku zonke.
16 Ukuze nandise izinsuku zenu ezweni, nina nabantwana benu nabantwana babantwana benu kuze kube phakade, lapho nenza okuhle nokulungile emehlweni kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, nihambe ngezindlela zakhe zonke.
17 Futhi wena, Josefa ndodana yami, ngicela uthethelele ububi babafowenu nazo zonke izenzo zabo ezimbi ngobubi abakwenzele bona, ngokuba uNkulunkulu wayehlose ukuba kube nenzuzo kuwe nakubantwana bakho.
18 Futhi, ndodana yami, ungabayeki abafowenu kubantu baseGibhithe, futhi ungabazwisi ubuhlungu, ngoba bheka ngibanikela esandleni sikaNkulunkulu nasesandleni sakho ukubavikela kwabaseGibhithe; amadodana kaJakobe aphendula uyise athi: “Baba, konke osiyale ngakho, sizokwenza; sengathi uNkulunkulu angaba nathi kuphela.”
19 UJakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe: “UNkulunkulu makabe nani, uma nigcina zonke izindlela zakhe; ningaphambuki ezindleleni zakhe, niye ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo, nenze okuhle nokuqondile emehlweni akhe.”
20 Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi izinhlupheko eziningi nezinzima zizonehlela ezinsukwini zokugcina ezweni, yebo abantwana benu nabantwana babantwana, khonzani

uJehova kuphela futhi uzonisindisa kuzo zonke izinhlupheko.
21 Kuyothi lapho nilandela uNkulunkulu ukumkhonza futhi nifundisa abantwana benu ngemva kwenu, nabantwana babantwana benu, ukwazi uJehova, khona-ke uJehova uyonivusela inceku nina nabantwana benu phakathi kwabantwana benu, uJehova uyonikhulula esandleni sakhe kuzo zonke izinhlupheko, akukhiphe eGibhithe, akubuyisele ezweni lawoyihlo ukuze nilidle ngokuphepha.
22 UJakobe eseqedile ukuyala amadodana akhe, wagoqa izinyawo zakhe embhedeni, wafa, wabuthelwa kubantu bakubo.
23 UJosefa wawela phezu kukayise, wakhala kakhulu, wamanga, wamemeza ngezwi elibuhlungu, wathi: “Baba, Baba!”
24 Abafazi bendodana yakhe nabo bonke abendlu yakhe beza, bawela phezu kukaJakobe; bamkhalela, bakhala ngezwi elikhulu ngoJakobe.
25 Bonke amadodana kaJakobe basukuma ndawonye, baklebhula izingubo zabo, bambatha indwangu yamasaka ezinkalweni zabo, bawa ngobuso babo, bathela uthuli emakhanda abo ngasezulwini.
26 Kwabikwa lokhu kumkaJosefa u-Osnathi, wasukuma wafaka isaka, yena kanye nabo bonke abesifazane baseGibhithe ababenaye bafika bamkhalela uJakobe.
27 Bonke abaseGibhithe ababemazi uJakobe beza ngalolo suku, lapho bezwa lokhu, bonke abaseGibhithe bakhala izinsuku eziningi.
28 Futhi abesifazane bafika eGibhithe bevela ezweni laseKhanani, sebezwile ukuthi uJakobe ufile; bamkhalela eGibhithe izinsuku ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa.
29 Kwathi ngemva kwalokhu uJosefa wayala izinceku zakhe odokotela ukuba bagqumise uyise ngemure nenhlaka nazo zonke izinhlobo zempepho namakha, odokotela bamgqumisa uJakobe njengoba uJosefa ayebayalile.
30 Bonke abantu baseGibhithe, abadala nabo bonke abakhileyo ezweni laseGosheni, bakhala, bamkhalela uJakobe; onke amadodana akhe nabantwana bendlu yakhe bamkhalela uyise uJakobe izinsuku eziningi.
31 Kwathi emva kwezinsuku zokulila kwakhe sezidlulile, ekupheleni kwezinsuku ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa, uJosefa wathi kuFaro: “Ngizokhuphuka ngiyomngcwaba ubaba ezweni laseKhanani njengalokho angifungisile, bese ngibuya.”
32 UFaro wathuma uJosefa, wathi: “Khuphuka, umngcwabe uyihlo njengokusho kwakhe, njengalokho akufungisile.” UJosefa wasuka kanye nabo bonke abafowabo, baya ezweni laseKhanani ukuyongcwaba uyise uJakobe, njengalokho ebebayalile.
33 UFaro wayala ukuba kumenyezelwe kulo lonke elaseGibhithe, kwathiwa: “Noma ngubani ongakhuphuki noJosefa nabafowabo, aye ezweni laseKhanani ukuyongcwaba uJakobe, uyakufa.”
34 Lonke iGibhithe lezwa ngesimemezelo sikaFaro, basukuma bonke kanyekanye, nazo zonke izinceku zikaFaro, namalunga endlu yakhe, nawo onke amadoda amakhulu ezwe laseGibhithe, bakhuphuka noJosefa; zonke izikhulu zikaFaro nezikhulu zakhe zakhuphuka njengezinceku zikaJosefa; baya ukuyomngcwaba uJakobe ezweni laseKhanani.
35 Amadodana kaJakobe athwala uhlaka ayelele kulo; njengakho konke uyise awayala ngakho, enza kanjalo namadodana akhe kuye.
36 Uhlaka lwalwenziwe ngegolide elicwengekileyo, lwaluhlotshiswe ngamatshe e-onikisi ne-bedola nxazonke; nesembozo sohlaka sasiyigolide elukiwe, sihlanganiswe ngemicu, futhi phezu kwazo kwakukhona izingwegwe zamatshe e-onikisi ne-bedola.
37 UJosefa wabeka umqhele omkhulu wegolide ekhanda likayise uJakobe, wabeka intonga yegolide esandleni sakhe, bazungeza uhlaka njengoba kwakunjalo ngokwesiko lamakhosi ngesikhathi sokuphila kwawo.
38 Wonke amabutho aseGibhithe ahamba phambi kwakhe ngaleli butho, kuqala wonke amadoda anamandla kaFaro, namadoda anamandla kaJosefa, kanye nabanye abakhileyo eGibhithe ngemva kwabo, bonke babebhince izinkemba futhi behlome ngezingubo zempi, futhi izicupho zempi zaziphezu kwabo.
39 Bonke ababekhala nababekhala bahamba ibanga elide maqondana nohlaka, behamba bekhala futhi belila, kanti abanye abantu balandela uhlaka.
40 UJosefa nomndeni wakhe basondela ndawonye eduze kohlaka bengenazicathulo futhi bekhala, kanti ezinye izinceku zikaJosefa zamzungeza; indoda ngayinye yayigqoke imihlobiso yayo, futhi bonke babehlome ngezikhali zabo zempi.
41 Izinceku zikaJakobe ezingamashumi ayisihlanu zahamba phambi kombhede, zachitha imure ne-alo, nazo zonke izinhlobo zamakha endleleni, nawo onke amadodana kaJakobe ayethwele umbhede ahamba phezu kombhede, nezinceku zikaJakobe zahamba phambi kwazo, zichitha iphunga endleleni.
42 UJosefa wakhuphuka nekamu elikhulu, benza kanjalo imihla ngemihla baze bafika ezweni laseKhanani, bafika esibuyeni sase-Athadi, esingaphesheya kweJordani; bakhala kakhulu kuleyo ndawo.
43 Wonke amakhosi aseKhanani ezwa ngalokhu, aphuma, yilowo nalowo endlini yakhe, amakhosi angamashumi amathathu nanye aseKhanani, afika namadoda awo ukuzolila nokukhalela uJakobe.
44 Futhi wonke la makhosi abona uhlaka lukaJakobe, futhi bheka umqhele kaJosefa wawuphezu kwalo, futhi abeka nemiqhele yawo phezu kohlaka, aluzungeza ngemiqhele.
45 Onke la makhosi enza isililo esikhulu nesinzima kuleyo ndawo ngamadodana kaJakobe nawaseGibhithe ngenxa kaJakobe, ngoba wonke amakhosi aseKhanani ayewazi amandla kaJakobe namadodana akhe.
46 Umbiko wafika ku-Esawu, wathi: “UJakobe ushonele eGibithe; amadodana akhe nabo bonke abaseGibithe bamyisa ezweni laseKhanani ukuba bamngcwabe.”
47 U-Esawu wezwa lokhu, wahlala entabeni yaseSeyiri, wasukuma namadodana akhe, nabantu bakhe bonke, nendlu yakhe yonke, abantu abaningi kakhulu, beza ukuzolila nokukhalela uJakobe.
48 Kwathi lapho u-Esawu efika walilela umfowabo uJakobe, futhi lonke iGibhithe kanye neKhanani lonke laphinde lavuka futhi lakhala kakhulu no-Esawu ngoJakobe kuleyo ndawo.
49 UJosefa nabafowabo bamletha uyise uJakobe kuleyo ndawo, baya eHebroni ukuyomngcwaba uJakobe emhumeni okhokho bakhe.

50 Bafika eKireyati-Arba, emhumeni, kwathi lapho befika, u-Esawu wema namadodana akhe bemelene noJosefa nabafowabo njengesivikelo emhumeni, wathi: “UJakobe akayikungcwatshwa kuwo, ngokuba kungokwethu nokwababa.”
51 UJosefa nabafowabo bezwa amazwi amadodana ka-Esawu, bathukuthela kakhulu, uJosefa wasondela ku-Esawu, wathi: “Kuyini lokhu abakukhulumile? Ngokuqinisekile ubaba uJakobe wakuthenga kuwe ngengcebo enkulu ngemva kokufa kuka-Isaka, manje eminyakeni engamashumi amabili nanhlanu edlule, kanye nalo lonke izwe laseKhanani alithenga kuwe nakumadodana akho, nasenzalo yakho emva kwakho.”
52 UJakobe wayithengela amadodana akhe nenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe, ibe yifa laphakade, ukhulumelani lezi zinto namuhla na?
53 U-Esawu waphendula wathi: “Ukhuluma amanga, uqamba amanga, ngokuba angithengisanga lutho olungolwami kulo lonke leli zwe, njengoba usho, nomfowethu uJakobe akathenganga lutho olungolwami kuleli zwe.”
54 U-Esawu wakhuluma lezi zinto ukuze akhohlise uJosefa ngamazwi akhe, ngoba u-Esawu wayazi ukuthi uJosefa wayengekho ngalezo zinsuku lapho u-Esawu ethengisa konke okwakungokwakhe ezweni laseKhanani kuJakobe.
55 UJosefa wathi ku-Esawu, “Impela ubaba wafaka lezi zinto kuwe encwadini yokuthenga, wafakaza incwadi yokuthenga ngofakazi, futhi bheka ilapha kithi eGibhithe.”
56 U-Esawu waphendula, wathi kuye: “Letha umbhalo, konke ozokuthola encwadini, sizokwenza.”
57 UJosefa wabiza uNafetali umfowabo, wathi: “Shesha, ungalibali, balekela eGibhithe, ulethe yonke imibhalo; umbhalo wokuthenga, umbhalo ovaliweyo, nombhalo ovulekile, kanye nawo wonke umbhalo wokuqala lapho kubhalwe khona konke ukuthengiselana kwamalungelo okuzalwa, landa.”
58 Ubalethe lapha kithi, ukuze sazi kubo wonke amazwi ka-Esawu namadodana akhe abawakhulumayo namuhla.
59 UNafetali walilalela izwi likaJosefa, washesha wagijima waya eGibhithe, uNafetali wayelula ngezinyawo kunanoma yiziphi izimpala ezazisehlane, ngoba wayehamba ngezikhwebu zokusanhlamvu ngaphandle kokuzichoboza.
60 Lapho u-Esawu ebona ukuthi uNafetali wayeye ukuyolanda imibhalo, yena namadodana akhe bandisa ukumelana kwabo nomhume, u-Esawu nabo bonke abantu bakhe bavukela uJosefa nabafowabo ukuze balwe.
61 Bonke abantwana bakaJakobe nabantu baseGibhithe balwa no-Esawu namadoda akhe, futhi abantwana baka-Esawu nabantu bakhe banqotshwa phambi kwamadodana kaJakobe, futhi amadodana kaJakobe abulala amadoda angamashumi amane kubantu baka-Esawu.
62 UKhushimu indodana kaDani, indodana kaJakobe, ngaleso sikhathi wayenamadodana kaJakobe, kodwa wayeqhele ngamamitha ayikhulu ukusuka endaweni yempi, ngoba wahlala nabantwana bamadodana kaJakobe eduze kombhede kaJakobe ukuze awuqaphe.
63 Futhi uKhushimu wayeyisimungulu futhi eyisithulu, wayesaqonda izwi lokushaqeka phakathi kwabantu.
64 Wabuza, wathi: “Kungani ningangcwabi abafileyo, futhi kuyini lokhu kushaqeka okukhulu?” Bamphendula amazwi ka-Esawu namadodana akhe; wagijimela ku-Esawu phakathi nempi, wambulala u-Esawu ngenkemba, wanquma ikhanda lakhe, laqhuma laya kude, u-Esawu wawa phakathi kwabantu bempi.
65 Kwathi uKhushimu esekwenzile lokhu, amadodana kaJakobe abanqoba amadodana ka-Esawu; amadodana kaJakobe amngcwaba uJakobe uyise ngenkani emhumeni, amadodana ka-Esawu akubona.
66 UJakobe wangcwatshwa eHebroni, emhumeni waseMakaphela, u-Abrahama awuthenga emadodaneni kaHeti, ukuba ube yindawo yakhe yokungcwaba, wangcwatshwa ngezingubo ezibizayo kakhulu.
67 Futhi akukho nkosi eyamnikwa udumo olufana nolukaJosefa kuyise ekufeni kwakhe, ngoba wamngcwaba ngenhlonipho enkulu njengokungcwatshwa kwamakhosi.
68 UJosefa nabafowabo bamkhalela uyise izinsuku eziyisikhombisa.

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1 Kwathi emva kwalokho amadodana ka-Esawu alwa namadodana kaJakobe; amadodana ka-Esawu alwa namadodana kaJakobe eHebroni; u-Esawu wayesefile, engakangcwatshwa.
2 Impi yayinzima phakathi kwabo, amadodana ka-Esawu anqotshwa phambi kwamadodana kaJakobe, amadodana kaJakobe abulala amadoda angamashumi ayisishiyagalombili kubantwana baka-Esawu, akwafa noyedwa kubantwana bakwaJakobe; isandla sikaJosefa saba namandla phezu kwabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu, wathumba uZefo indodana ka-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu, namadoda angamashumi amahlanu akhe, wababopha ngamaketanga ensimbi, wabanikela esandleni sezinceku zakhe ukuba zibalethe eGibhithe.
3 Kwathi lapho amadodana kaJakobe esethumbile uZefo nabantu bakhe, bonke abaseleyo besaba kakhulu izimpilo zabo endlini ka-Esawu, funa nabo bathunjwe, bonke babaleka no-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu nabantu bakhe, kanye nesidumbu sika-Esawu, bahamba ngendlela yabo eya eNtabeni iSeyiri.
4 Bafika entabeni yaseSeyiri, bammbela u-Esawu eSeyiri, kepha abalethanga ikhanda lakhe eSeyiri, ngokuba langcwatshwa lapho kwakulwe khona eHebroni.
5 Kwathi lapho amadodana ka-Esawu ebaleka phambi kwamadodana kaJakobe, amadodana kaJakobe abaxosha kwaze kwaba semngceleni waseSeyiri, kodwa awabulalanga muntu phakathi kwawo lapho ewaxosha, ngoba isidumbu sika-Esawu ababesithwele sababangela isiphithiphithi, ngakho abaleka, amadodana kaJakobe aphenduka asuka kubo, akhuphukela endaweni lapho abafowabo babekhona eHebroni, ahlala lapho ngalolo suku nangosuku olulandelayo kwaze kwaba yilapho bephumula empini.
6 Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu baqoqa bonke abantwana bakwaSeyiri umHori, baqoqa bonke abantwana basempumalanga, isixuku sabantu esingangesihlabathi solwandle, bahamba behlela eGibhithe ukuyolwa noJosefa nabafowabo, ukuze bakhulule abafowabo.
7 UJosefa nawo onke amadodana kaJakobe bezwa ukuthi amadodana ka-Esawu nabantu basempumalanga babafikele ukulwa ukuze bakhulule abafowabo.

8 UJosefa nabafowabo namadoda anamandla aseGibhithe baphuma balwa emzini waseRamesesi, uJosefa nabafowabo bababulala kakhulu abantwana bakwa-Esawu namadoda asempumalanga.
9 Babulala kubo amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha, babulala phakathi kwabo bonke amaqhawe abantwana bakwaSeyiri umHori; kwasala abambalwa kuphela kubo, babulala neningi labantwana basempumalanga nabantwana bakwa-Esawu; u-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu, nabantwana basempumalanga bonke babaleka phambi kukaJosefa nabafowabo.
10 UJosefa nabafowabo babaxosha baze bafika eSukoti, babulala amadoda angamashumi amathathu kubo eSukoti; abanye babaleka, babalekela yilowo nalowo emzini wakubo.
11 UJosefa nabafowabo kanye namadoda anamandla aseGibhithe babuya kubo ngenjabulo nangenjabulo yenhliziyo, ngoba babenqobe zonke izitha zabo.
12 UZefo indodana ka-Elifazi namadoda akhe babeseyizigqila eGibhithe kumadodana kaJakobe, futhi ubuhlungu babo banda.
13 Kwathi lapho amadodana ka-Esawu namadodana kaSeyiri ebuyela ezweni lawo, amadodana kaSeyiri abona ukuthi bonke bawele ezandleni zamadodana kaJakobe, kanye nabantu baseGibhithe, ngenxa yempi yamadodana ka-Esawu.
14 Amadodana kaSeyiri athi emadodaneni ka-Esawu: “Nibonile, ngakho-ke niyazi ukuthi leli qembu lingenu, futhi akusekho nelilodwa iqhawe noma ingcweti empini.”
15 Ngakho-ke phumani ezweni lakithi, sukani kithi niye ezweni laseKhanani ezweni lokuhlala koyihlo; kungani abantwana benu bezodla ifa labantwana bethu ezinsukwini zokugcina?
16 Abantwana bakwa-Esawu abavumanga ukulalela abantwana bakwaSeyiri; abantwana bakwaSeyiri bacabanga ukulwa nabo.
17 Abantwana baka-Esawu bathumela ngasese ku-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika, okunguDinhaba, bathi:
18 Sithumelele amanye amadoda akho, eze kithi, silwe nabantwana bakwaSeyiri umHori, ngokuba bazimisele ukulwa nathi ukuze basixoshe ezweni.
19 U-Angeya inkosi yaseDinihaba wenza kanjalo, ngokuba wayenobungane nabantwana bakwa-Esawu ngalezo zinsuku; u-Angeya wathumela amasosha anamandla angamakhulu ayisihlanu kubantwana bakwa-Esawu, nabamahhashi abangamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili.
20 Amadodana aseSeyiri athumela kwabaseMpumalanga nakubantwana bakwaMidiyani, athi: “Nibonile lokho abantwana bakwa-Esawu abakwenzile kithi, esicishe sabhujiswa ngenxa yabo ekulweni kwabo namadodana kaJakobe.”
21 Ngakho-ke wozani kithi nisisize, silwe nabo ndawonye, sibaxoshe ezweni, siphindiselelwe ngenxa yabafowethu abafa ngenxa yabo empini yabo nabafowabo, amadodana kaJakobe.
22 Bonke abantu basempumalanga balalela amazwi abantwana baseSeyiri, beza kubo kungathi amadoda angamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili ephethe izinkemba ezihoshiweyo, abantwana bakwa-Esawu balwa nabantwana baseSeyiri ngaleso sikhathi ehlane lasePharanu.
23 Abantwana bakwaSeyiri babanqoba abantwana bakwa-Esawu; abantwana bakwaSeyiri babulala abantwana bakwa-Esawu ngalolo suku kuleyo mpi, amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amabili kubantu bakwa-Angeya inkosi yaseDinihaba.
24 Ngosuku lwesibili abantwana bakwa-Esawu babuya ukuzolwa okwesibili nabantwana bakwaSeyiri, impi yaba nzima kubantwana bakwa-Esawu kulokhu okwesibili, futhi kwabakhathaza kakhulu ngenxa yabantwana bakwaSeyiri.
25 Kwathi lapho abantwana bakwa-Esawu bebona ukuthi abantwana bakwaSeyiri banamandla kunabo, amadoda athile abantwana bakwa-Esawu aphenduka, abasiza abantwana bakwaSeyiri izitha zabo.
26 Kwase kuwa amadoda angamashumi amahlanu nesishiyagalombili kubantu bakwa-Esawu empini yesibili e-Angeas inkosi yaseDinihaba.
27 Ngosuku lwesithathu abantwana bakwa-Esawu bezwa ukuthi abanye babafowabo baphendukele kubo ukuze balwe nabo empini yesibili; abantwana bakwa-Esawu balila lapho bezwa lokhu.
28 Bathi: “Sizakwenzenjani kubafowethu abasishiyayo ukusiza abantwana bakwaSeyiri izitha zethu?” Abantwana bakwa-Esawu bathumela futhi ku-Angeya inkosi yaseDinihaba, bathi:
29 Sithumelele futhi amanye amadoda ukuze silwe nawo nabantwana baseSeyiri, ngoba kakade sebesinzima kabili kunathi.
30 U-Angeas wa tuma futhi kubantwana baka Esau, amadoda a nesibindi, a ngamakhulu a isitupa, a fika ukusiza abantwana baka Esau.
31 Kwathi ngezinsuku eziyishumi abantwana bakwa-Esawu baphinda balwa nabantwana bakwaSeyiri ehlane lasePharanu, impi yaba nzima kakhulu kubantwana bakwaSeyiri, abantwana bakwa-Esawu babanqoba ngalesi sikhathi abantwana bakwaSeyiri, abantwana bakwaSeyiri banqotshwa phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Esawu, abantwana bakwa-Esawu babulala kubo abantu abacishe babe yizinkulungwane ezimbili.
32 Futhi wonke amadoda anamandla abantwana baseSeyiri afa kule mpi, kwasala abantwana babo abancane kuphela abasala emizini yabo.
33 Bonke abakwaMidiyani nabasempumalanga babaleka empini, bashiya abantwana baseSeyiri, babaleka lapho bebona ukuthi impi inzima phezu kwabo; abantwana bakwa-Esawu babaxosha bonke abantwana basempumalanga, baze bafika ezweni labo.
34 Abantwana bakwa-Esawu babulala amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amabili namashumi amahlanu kubo, kwathi kubantwana bakwa-Esawu kwawa amadoda angaba ngamashumi amathathu kuleyo mpi, kodwa lobu bubi babafikela ngokuthi abafowabo babafulathele ukuze basize abantwana bakwaSeyiri umHori, abantwana bakwa-Esawu bezwa futhi ngezenzo ezimbi zabafowabo, baphinda balila ngenxa yale nto.
35 Kwathi ngemva kwempi, abantwana bakwa-Esawu baphenduka bafika eSeyiri, abantwana bakwa-Esawu bababulala ababesele ezweni labantwana bakwaSeyiri; babulala nabafazi babo nabantwana babo, abashiyanga noyedwa ophilayo ngaphandle kwamadodana namantombazane angamashumi amahlanu abavumela ukuba baphile, futhi abantwana baka-Esawu

abababulalanga, futhi abafana baba yizigqila zabo, namantombazane bawathatha.
36 Abantwana bakwa-Esawu bahlala eSeyiri esikhundleni sabantwana bakwaSeyiri, badla ifa lezwe labo, balidla.
37 Abantwana bakwa-Esawu bathatha konke okwakusezweni kwaba ngabantwana bakwaSeyiri, nemihlambi yabo, nezinkomo zabo, nempahla yabo, nakho konke okwabantwana bakwaSeyiri; abantwana bakwa-Esawu bahlala eSeyiri esikhundleni sabantwana bakwaSeyiri kuze kube namuhla; abantwana bakwa-Esawu bahlukanisa izwe laba ngamadodana amahlanu ka-Esawu ngemindeni yawo.
38 Kwathi ngalezo zinsuku, abantwana bakwa-Esawu banquma ukubabeka inkosi ezweni ababelidla, bathi omunye komunye: "Akunjalo, ngokuba uzosibusa ezweni lakithi, futhi sizoba ngaphansi kweseluleko sakhe, futhi uzolwa izimpi zethu, nezitha zethu," benza kanjalo.
39 Bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu bafunga, bathi: "Akukho muntu wabafowabo oyoke abuse phezu kwabo, ngaphandle komuntu ongaziwa ongeyena owabafowabo, ngoba imiphefumulo yabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu yayithukuthele, yilowo nalowo ngendodana yakhe, umfowabo nomngane wakhe, ngenxa yobubi ababebuthola kubafowabo lapho belwa nabantwana bakwaSeyiri."
40 Ngakho amadodana ka-Esawu afunga, athi: "Kusukela ngalolo suku kuqhubeke ngeke bakhethe inkosi kubafowabo, kodwa umuntu ovela ezweni labezizwe kuze kube namuhla."
41 Kwakukhona indoda lapho evela kubantu base-Angeas inkosi yaseDinhaba; igama layo kwakunguBela indodana kaBeyori, owayeyindoda enamandla kakhulu, enhle futhi emuhle futhi ehlakaniphile kukho konke ukuhlakanipha, futhi engumuntu onengqondo nowelulekayo; futhi kwakungekho muntu kubantu base-Angeas onjengaye.
42 Bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu bamthatha bamgcoba, bamgcoba njengenkosi, bamkhothamela, bathi kuye: "Mayiphile inkosi, mayiphile inkosi."
43 Base bendlala indwangu, bamlethela amacici egolide nawesiliva, noma amacici noma amasongo, bamcebisa kakhulu ngesiliva nangegolide, ngamatshe e-onikisi nangebhedola, bamenzela isihlalo sobukhosi sobukhosi, babeka umqhele wobukhosi ekhanda lakhe, bamakhela indlu, wahlala kuyo, waba yinkosi phezu kwabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu.
44 Abantu base-Angeas bathatha imali yabo yokukhokhela impi kubantwana bakwa-Esawu, bahamba babuyela enkosini yabo eDinihaba ngaleso sikhathi.
45 UBela wabusa phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Esawu iminyaka engamashumi amathathu; abantwana bakwa-Esawu bahlala ezweni esikhundleni sabantwana bakwaSeyiri, bahlala ngokuphepha esikhundleni sabo kuze kube namuhla.

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1 Kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nambili wehla kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli baya eGibithe, okungumnyaka wamashumi ayisikhombisa nanye wokuphila kukaJosefa, ngalowo mnyaka uFaro inkosi yaseGibithe wafa, uMagironi indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
2 UFaro wayala uJosefa ngaphambi kokufa kwakhe ukuba abe nguyise wendodana yakhe, uMagron, nokuthi uMagron kufanele abe ngaphansi kokunakekelwa kukaJosefa nangaphansi kweseluleko sakhe.
3 Futhi lonke iGibhithe lavuma ngale nto yokuthi uJosefa abe yinkosi phezu kwabo, ngoba bonke abaseGibhithe babemthanda uJosefa njengakuqala, uMagroni indodana kaFaro kuphela owayehlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikayise, futhi waba yinkosi ngalezo zinsuku esikhundleni sikayise.
4 UMagroni wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane nanye lapho eqala ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane eGibhithe, lonke iGibhithe laqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi uFaro ngegama likayise, njengoba kwakunjalo eGibhithe kuwo wonke amakhosi ayebusa phezu kwawo.
5 Kwathi lapho uFaro ebusa esikhundleni sikayise, wabeka imithetho yaseGibhithe nazo zonke izindaba zikahulumeni esandleni sikaJosefa, njengoba uyise ayemyalile.
6 UJosefa waba yinkosi phezu kweGibhithe, ngoba wayephethe lonke iGibhithe, futhi lonke iGibhithe lalingaphansi kokunakekelwa kwakhe nangaphansi kweseluleko sakhe, ngoba lonke iGibhithe lathambekela kuJosefa ngemva kokufa kukaFaro, futhi bamthanda kakhulu ukuba abuse phezu kwabo.
7 Kodwa kwakukhona abanye abantu phakathi kwabo, ababengamthandi, bethi, Akukho mfokazi ozosibusa; nokho wonke umbuso waseGibhithe wabusa phezu kukaJosefa ngalezo zinsuku, ngemva kokufa kukaFaro, yena engumlawuli, enza njengoba ethanda kulo lonke izwe ngaphandle kokuphazamisa muntu.
8 Lonke iGibhithe lalingaphansi kokunakekelwa kukaJosefa, uJosefa walwa nazo zonke izitha zakhe ezazimzungezile, wazinqoba; futhi lonke izwe nawo wonke amaFilisti, kwaze kwaba semingceleni yaseKhanani, uJosefa wanqoba, futhi bonke babengaphansi kwamandla akhe futhi banika uJosefa intela yonyaka.
9 UFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi esikhundleni sikayise, kodwa wayengaphansi kokulawulwa neseluleko sikaJosefa, njengoba ekuqaleni wayengaphansi kokulawulwa nguyise.
10 Akazange abuse ngaphandle kwezwe laseGibhithe kuphela, ngaphansi kweseluleko sikaJosefa, kodwa uJosefa wabusa phezu kwezwe lonke ngaleso sikhathi, kusukela eGibhithe kuya emfuleni omkhulu i-Perath.
11 UJosefa waphumelela kuzo zonke izindlela zakhe, futhi uJehova wayenaye, futhi uJehova wamnika uJosefa ukuhlakanipha okwengeziwe, udumo, inkazimulo, nothando kuye ezinhliziyweni zabaseGibhithe nakulo lonke izwe, uJosefa wabusa phezu kwezwe lonke iminyaka engamashumi amane.
12 Onke amazwe amaFilisti, neKhanani, neSidoni, nangaphesheya kweJordani, aletha izipho kuJosefa zonke izinsuku zakhe; izwe lonke lalisesandleni sikaJosefa; baletha kuye intela yonyaka njengomthetho, ngokuba uJosefa wayelwile nazo zonke izitha zakhe ezimzungezile, wazinqoba; izwe lonke lalisesandleni sikaJosefa; uJosefa wahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi eGibithe.
13 Futhi bonke abafowabo, amadodana kaJakobe, bahlala ngokuphepha ezweni, zonke izinsuku zikaJosefa, bazala, banda kakhulu ezweni, bakhonza iNkosi zonke izinsuku zabo, njengoba uyise uJakobe ayebayalile.

14 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku eziningi neminyaka emininginí, lapho abantwana bakwa-Esawu behlala ngokuthula ezweni lakubo noBela inkosi yabo, abantwana bakwa-Esawu bazala, banda ezweni, banquma ukuya kulwa nabantwana bakwaJakobe nalo lonke iGibithe, nokukhulula umfowabo uZefo indodana ka-Elifazi namadoda akhe, ngokuba babeseyizigqila zikaJosefa ngalezo zinsuku.
15 Abantwana bakwa-Esawu bathumela kubo bonke abantu basempumalanga, benza ukuthula nabo; bonke abantu basempumalanga beza kubo ukuhamba nabantwana bakwa-Esawu ukuya eGibithe empini.
16 Kwafika kubo nabantu bakwa-Angeas, inkosi yaseDinhaba, bathumela nakubo abantwana baka-Ishmayeli, nabo beza kubo.
17 Bonke laba bantu babuthana beza eSeyiri ukuzosiza abantwana bakwa-Esawu empini yabo, futhi leli kamu lalilikhulu kakhulu futhi linabantu abaningi, abaningi njengesihlabathi solwandle, cishe amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili, amasosha ahamba ngezinyawo kanye namahhashi, futhi wonke la mabutho ehlela eGibhithe ukuyolwa namadodana kaJakobe, futhi amisa ngaseRamesesi.
18 UJosefa waphuma nabafowabo namadoda anamandla aseGibhithe, amadoda angaba ngamakhulu ayisithupha, balwa nabo ezweni laseRamesesi; futhi ngaleso sikhathi amadodana kaJakobe alwa futhi nabantwana baka-Esawu, ngonyaka wamashumi amahlanu wamadodana kaJakobe ehlela eGibhithe, okungumnyaka wamashumi amathathu wokubusa kukaBela kubantwana baka-Esawu eSeyiri.
19 INkosi yanikela bonke amaqhawe ka-Esawu namadodana asempumalanga esandleni sikaJosefa nabafowabo, futhi abantu babantwana baka-Esawu namadodana asempumalanga banqotshwa phambi kukaJosefa.
20 Kwawa phambi kwamadodana kaJakobe amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili, kwathi inkosi yabo uBela indodana kaBeyori yawa nabo empini. Lapho abantwana baka-Esawu bebona ukuthi inkosi yabo iwile empini, yafa, izandla zabo zaba buthakathaka empini.
21 UJosefa nabafowabo kanye neGibhithe lonke babesabulala abantu bendlu ka-Esawu, futhi bonke abantu baka-Esawu babesaba amadodana kaJakobe futhi babaleka phambi kwabo.
22 UJosefa nabafowabo kanye neGibhithe lonke babaxosha, uhambo losuku lonke, babulala abantu abangaba ngamakhulu amathathu kubo, babashaya endleleni; base bephenduka babashiya.
23 UJosefa nabo bonke abafowabo babuyela eGibhithe, akwasala muntu kubo, kodwa kwawa amadoda ayishumi nambili kwabaseGibhithe.
24 Kwathi uJosefa esebuyele eGibhithe, wayala uZefo namadoda akhe ukuba baboshwe futhi, bababopha ngezinsimbi, bandisa usizi lwabo.
25 Bonke abantu bakwa-Esawu nabasempumalanga babuyela, kwaba yilowo nalowo emzini wakubo, benamahloni, ngokuba bonke amaqhawe ababenabo babewile empini.
26 Kwathi lapho abantwana bakwa-Esawu bebona ukuthi inkosi yabo ifile empini, bashesha bathatha umuntu kubantu basempumalanga, ogama lakhe lalinguJobabi indodana kaZaraki, ezweni laseBotsira; bambeka ukuba abuse phezu kwabo esikhundleni sikaBela inkosi yabo.
27 UJobabi wahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaBela njengenkosi esikhundleni sakhe, uJobabi wabusa kwa-Edomi phezu kwabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu iminyaka eyishumi, abantwana bakwa-Esawu ababange besalwa namadodana kaJakobe kusukela ngalolo suku kuqhubeke, ngokuba amadodana ka-Esawu ayebazi ubuqhawe bamadodana kaJakobe, futhi ayewesaba kakhulu.
28 Kodwa kusukela ngalolo suku kuqhubeke abantwana baka-Esawu babazonda abantwana bakaJakobe, futhi inzondo nobutha babunamandla kakhulu phakathi kwabo zonke izinsuku, kuze kube namuhla.
29 Kwathi emva kwalokho, ekupheleni kweminyaka eyishumi uJobabi indodana kaZaraki waseBotsera wafa, abantwana bakwa-Esawu bathatha umuntu ogama lakhe linguKhushamu, wasezweni laseThemani, bambeka inkosi esikhundleni sikaJobabi; uKhushamu wabusa kwa-Edomi phezu kwabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu iminyaka engamashumi amabili.
30 UJosefa, inkosi yaseGibhithe, nabafowabo, nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahlala ngokuphepha eGibhithe ngalezo zinsuku, kanye nabo bonke abantwana bakaJosefa nabafowabo, bengenasivimbelo noma ingozi embi futhi izwe laseGibhithe ngaleso sikhathi laliphumule empini ezinsukwini zikaJosefa nabafowabo.

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1 Lawa angamagama amadodana ka-Israyeli ahlala eGibhithe, ayeze noJakobe; onke amadodana kaJakobe afika eGibhithe, yilowo nalowo nomuzi wakhe.
2 Abantwana bakaLeya babengoRubeni, noSimeyoni, noLevi, noJuda, no-Isakare, noZebuloni, kanye nodadewabo uDina.
3 Amadodana kaRaheli kwakunguJosefa noBhenjamini.
4 Amadodana kaZilipa, incekukazi kaLeya, kwakunguGadi no-Asheri.
5 Amadodana kaBiliha, incekukazi kaRaheli, kwakunguDani noNafetali.
6 Laba yinzalo yabo abazalelwa yona ezweni laseKhanani, bengakafiki eGibhithe noyise uJakobe.
7 Amadodana kaRubeni kwakunguHanoki, uPhalu, uHesironi noKarmi.
8 Amadodana kaSimeyoni kwakunguJemuweli, noJamini, no-Ohadi, noJakini, noSokari, noSawule, indodana yowesifazane waseKhanani.
9 Amadodana kaLevi kwakunguGereshoni, noKehati, noMerari, noJokebedi udadewabo, abazalelwa bona ekuyeni kwabo eGibithe.
10 Amadodana kaJuda kwakungu-Eri, u-Onani, uShela, uPheresi noZaraki.
11 U-Eri no-Onani bafela ezweni laseKhanani; amadodana kaPheresi ayengoHezironi noHamuli.
12 Amadodana ka-Isakare kwakunguThola, uPuva, uJobe noShomroni.
13 Amadodana kaZebuloni kwakunguSeredi, u-Eloni noJaleli, amadodana kaDani kwakunguKhushimi.
14 Amadodana kaNafetali kwakunguJakizeyeli, uGuni, uJetseri noShilamu.

15 Amadodana kaGadi kwakunguZifiyoni, uHagi, uShuni, u-Eziboni, u-Eri, u-Arodi no-Areli.
16 Amadodana ka-Asheri kwakunguJimna, noJishiva, noJishivi, noBeriya, noSera udadewabo; amadodana kaBeriya kwakunguKheberi noMalikiyeli.
17 Amadodana kaBhenjamini kwakunguBhela, uBhekeri, u-Ashibheli, uGera, uNahamani, u-Ahi, uRoshi, uMupimi, uKhupimi no-Ord.
18 Amadodana kaJosefa azalelwa wona eGibhithe kwakunguManase no-Efrayimi.
19 Bonke abantu abaphuma okhalweni lukaJakobe babengabantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa; yibo abafika noJakobe uyise eGibithe ukuyohlala khona; uJosefa nabo bonke abafowabo bahlala ngokuphepha eGibithe, badla okuhle kweGibithe zonke izinsuku zokuphila kukaJosefa.
20 UJosefa wahlala ezweni laseGibithe iminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nantathu; uJosefa wabusa phezu kwezwe lonke laseGibithe iminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili.
21 Kwathi lapho izinsuku zikaJosefa sezisondela zokufa kwakhe, wathumela wabiza abafowabo nabo bonke abendlu kayise; bahlangana bonke, bahlala phambi kwakhe.
22 UJosefa wathi kubafowabo nakubo bonke abendlu kayise: “Bhekani, ngiyafa, uNkulunkulu uzakunihambela nokunihambela, anikhuphule kuleli zwe, aniyise ezweni afunga koyihlo ukubanika lona.”
23 Kuyothi lapho uNkulunkulu enivakashela ukuze anikhuphulele ezweni lawoyihlo, anikhuphulele amathambo ami nisuke lapha.
24 UJosefa wafungisa amadodana ka-Israyeli ngenzalo yabo emva kwabo, wathi: “UNkulunkulu uzakunihambela impela, nikhuphule amathambo ami nisuka lapha.”
25 Kwathi emva kwalokhu uJosefa wafa ngalowo mnyaka, ngonyaka wamashumi ayisikhombisa nanye wehla kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli eGibithe.
26 UJosefa wayeneminyaka eyikhulu neshumi ubudala lapho efela ezweni laseGibhithe, bonke abafowabo nazo zonke izinceku zakhe basukuma bamgqumisa uJosefa njengomkhuba wabo; abafowabo nabo bonke abaseGibhithe bamlilela izinsuku ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa.
27 Bamfaka uJosefa ebhokisini eligcwele izinongo nazo zonke izinhlobo zamakha, bammbela eceleni komfula, okungukuthi uSihori, namadodana akhe nabo bonke abafowabo, kanye nendlu yonke kayise, bamlilela izinsuku eziyisikhombisa.
28 Kwathi ngemva kokufa kukaJosefa, bonke abaseGibhithe baqala ngalezo zinsuku ukubusa phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, futhi uFaro, inkosi yaseGibhithe, owayebusa esikhundleni sikayise, wathatha yonke imithetho yaseGibhithe futhi wahola wonke umbuso waseGibhithe ngaphansi kweseluleko sakhe, wabusa ngokuphepha phezu kwabantu bakhe.

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1 Kwathi lapho umnyaka usuphela, okungumnyaka wamashumi ayisikhombisa nambili kusukela ekuyeni kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli eGibhithe, emva kokufa kukaJosefa, uSefo indodana ka-Elifazi, indodana ka-Esawu, wabaleka eGibhithe, yena namadoda akhe; bahamba.
2 Wafika e-Afrika, okuyiDinhabah, ku-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika, u-Angeas wabamukela ngenhlonipho enkulu, wabeka uZefo induna yempi yakhe.
3 UZepho wathola umusa emehlweni ka-Angeas nasemehlweni abantu bakhe, uZepho waba yinduna yempi ka-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika izinsuku eziningi.
4 UZefo wakhohlisa u-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika ukuba aqoqe lonke ibutho lakhe ukuze alwe nabaseGibhithe, namadodana kaJakobe, futhi aphindisele kubo imbangela yabafowabo.
5 Kodwa u-Angeas akavumanga ukumlalela uZepho ukuba enze lokhu, ngoba u-Angeas wayewazi amandla amadodana kaJakobe, nalokho ababekwenzile ebuthweni lakhe empini yabo nabantwana baka-Esawu.
6 Ngalezo zinsuku uZefo wayemkhulu kakhulu emehlweni ka-Angeas naphambi kwabo bonke abantu bakhe, wabakhuthaza njalo ukuba balwe neGibhithe, kodwa abazange bavume.
7 Kwathi ngalezo zinsuku kwakukhona indoda ezweni laseKitimi emzini wasePuzimna, ogama layo lingu-Uzu, futhi yathonywa kakhulu ngabantwana baseKitimi, futhi le ndoda yafa ingenandodana, indodakazi eyodwa kuphela egama layo linguJania.
8 Intombi yayinhle kakhulu, ibukeka kahle futhi ihlakaniphile, kwakungekho muntu ofana nayo ngobuhle nokuhlakanipha ezweni lonke.
9 Abantu base-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika bambona, beza bamdumisa kuye, u-Angeas wathumela kubantwana baseKitimi, wacela ukuba amthathe abe ngumkakhe, abantu baseKitimi bavuma ukumnika yena abe ngumkakhe.
10 Kwathi lapho izithunywa zase-Angeas ziphuma ezweni laseKitimi ukuze zithathe uhambo lwazo, bheka izithunywa zikaTurnu inkosi yaseBibentu zafika eKitimi, ngoba uTurnu inkosi yaseBibentu naye wathumela izithunywa zakhe ukuba ziyocela uJania, ukuze azithathele umfazi, ngoba wonke amadoda akhe ayemdumisile kuye, ngakho-ke wathumela zonke izinceku zakhe kuye.
11 Izinceku zikaTurnu zafika eKitimi, zacela uJaniya ukuba ayiswe enkosini yabo uTurnusi ukuze abe ngumkakhe.
12 Abantu baseKitimi bathi kubo: “Asinakumnika, ngoba inkosi yase-Afrika u-Angeas yayifisa ukuba imthathe ibe ngumkakhe ngaphambi kokuba nifike, nokuthi simnike yona, ngakho-ke manje asikwazi ukwenza lokhu ukuphuca u-Angeas intombi ukuze simnike uTurnus.”
13 Ngoba sesaba kakhulu u-Angeas funa eze empini asibhubhise, futhi uTurnus inkosi yakho ngeke akwazi ukusikhulula esandleni sakhe.
14 Kwathi lapho izithunywa zaseTurnu sezizwile wonke amazwi abantwana baseKitimi, zabuyela enkosini yazo, zamtshela wonke amazwi abantwana baseKitimi.
15 Amadodana aseKitimi athumela isikhumbuzo ku-Angeas, athi: “Bheka uTurnu uthume uJania ukuba amthathe abe ngumkakhe, futhi simphendule kanje; sezwa ukuthi uqoqe lonke ibutho lakhe ukuba lilwe nawe, futhi uhlose ukudlula ngendlela yaseSardunia ukuze alwe nomfowenu uLucus, bese kuthi ngemva kwalokho eze alwe nawe.”
16 U-Angeas wezwa amazwi abantwana baseKitimi abamthumelela wona encwadini, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha, wasukuma waqoqa lonke ibutho lakhe, wafika

eziqhingini zolwandle, indlela eya eSardunia, kumfowabo uLucus inkosi yaseSardunia.
17 UNiblos, indodana kaLucus, wezwa ukuthi umalume wakhe u-Angeas uyeza, waphuma ukuyomhlangabeza nebutho elikhulu, wamanga, wamgona, uNiblos wathi ku-Angeas, Uma ubuza ubaba ukuthi uphilile kanjani, ukuthi ngizohamba nini nawe ukuyolwa noTurnus, mcele ukuba angibeke induna yebutho lakhe, u-Angeas wenza kanjalo, wafika kumfowabo, umfowabo weza ukuzomhlangabeza, wambuza ukuthi uphilile kanjani.
18 U-Angeas wabuza umfowabo uLucus ukuthi uphilile kanjani, nokuthi abeke indodana yakhe uNiblos induna yebutho lakhe, uLucus wenza kanjalo, u-Angeas nomfowabo uLucus basukuma baya eTurnus ukuyolwa, futhi kwakukhona nabo ibutho elikhulu kanye nebutho elikhulu.
19 Wafika ngemikhumbi, bafika esifundazweni sase-Ashtorashi, bheka, uTurnu wafika kubo, ngokuba waphuma waya eSardunia, wahlosa ukuyibhubhisa, kamuva wadlulela e-Angeas ukuyolwa naye.
20 U-Angeas noLucus umfowabo bahlangana noTurnus esigodini saseCanopia, futhi impi yayinamandla futhi inamandla phakathi kwabo kuleyo ndawo.
21 Impi yaba nzima phezu kukaLuku inkosi yaseSardunia, lonke ibutho lakhe lawa, kwathi indodana yakhe uNiblo yawa kuleyo mpi.
22 Umalume wakhe u-Angeas wayala izinceku zakhe futhi bamenzela ibhokisi legolide likaNiblos bamfaka kulo, u-Angeas waphinde walwa noTurnus, u-Angeas waba namandla kunaye, wambulala, wabulala bonke abantu bakhe ngosiko lwenkemba, u-Angeas waphindiselela udaba lukaNiblos indodana yomfowabo kanye nodaba lwebutho lomfowabo uLucus.
23 Kwathi lapho uTurnus efa, izandla zalabo abasinda empini zaba buthakathaka, babaleka phambi kuka-Angeas noLucus umfowabo.
24 U-Angeas nomfowabo uLucus babaxosha baze bafika emgwaqweni omkhulu, ophakathi kuka-Alphanu noRomah, babulala lonke ibutho laseTurnus ngosiko lwenkemba.
25 ULukusi inkosi yaseSardunia wayala izinceku zakhe ukuthi zenze ibhokisi lethusi, nokuthi zibeke isidumbu sendodana yakhe uNiblos kulo, bamngcwaba kuleyo ndawo.
26 Bakha phezu kwalo umbhoshongo ophakeme lapho emgwaqweni omkhulu, baqamba igama lawo ngegama likaNiblos kuze kube namuhla, bangcwaba noTurnus inkosi yaseBibentu lapho kanye noNiblos.
27 Futhi bheka emgwaqweni omkhulu phakathi kuka-Alphanu noRomah ithuna likaNiblos likhona kolunye uhlangothi kanye nethuna likaTurnus kolunye, kanye nendawo egandayiwe phakathi kwabo kuze kube namuhla.
28 Kwathi lapho uNiblos engcwatshwa, uyise uLucus wabuyela nebutho lakhe ezweni lakhe iSardunia, kwathi u-Angeas, umfowabo, inkosi yase-Afrika, wahamba nabantu bakhe baya edolobheni laseBibentu, okungukuthi idolobha laseTurnus.
29 Izakhamuzi zaseBibentu zezwa ngodumo lwakhe futhi zamesaba kakhulu, zaphuma ukuyomhlangabeza ngokukhala nangokunxusa, futhi izakhamuzi zaseBibentu zancenga u-Angeas ukuba angababulali noma angabhubhisi umuzi wabo; futhi wenza kanjalo, ngoba iBibentu ngalezo zinsuku yayibalwa njengomunye wemizi yabantwana baseKitimi; ngakho-ke akazange awubhubhise umuzi.
30 Kodwa kusukela ngalolo suku kuqhubeke amabutho enkosi yase-Afrika ayeya eKitimi ukuyoyiphanga nokuyiphanga, futhi noma nini lapho beya khona, uZefo induna yempi yase-Angeas wayehamba nabo.
31 Kwathi ngemva kwalokhu u-Angeas waphenduka nebutho lakhe bafika emzini wasePuzimna, u-Angeas wathatha uJania indodakazi ka-Uzu ukuba abe ngumkakhe wamletha emzini wakhe e-Afrika.

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1 Kwathi ngaleso sikhathi uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wayala bonke abantu bakhe ukuba bakhele indlu eqinile eGibhithe.
2 Futhi wayala amadodana kaJakobe ukuba asize abaseGibhithe ekwakheni, abaseGibhithe bakha isigodlo esihle nesinobuhle ukuze sibe yindawo yokuhlala yasebukhosini, wahlala kuso futhi wavuselela umbuso wakhe futhi wabusa ngokuphepha.
3 UZebuloni indodana kaJakobe wafa ngalowo nyaka, okungumnyaka wamashumi ayisikhombisa nambili wehla kwa-Israyeli eGibhithe, uZebuloni wafa eneminyaka eyikhulu nane ubudala, wafakwa ebhokisini lomngcwabo wanikelwa ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
4 Ngonyaka wamashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlanu umfowabo uSimeyoni washona, wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili ubudala ekufeni kwakhe, futhi naye wafakwa ebhokisini lomngcwabo wanikelwa ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
5 UZefo indodana ka-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu, induna yempi ka-Angeya inkosi yaseDinhaba, wayesalokhu enxusa u-Angeya nsuku zonke ukuba alungiselele impi yokulwa namadodana kaJakobe eGibhithe, kodwa u-Angeya wayengathandi ukwenza lokhu, ngoba izinceku zakhe zazimtshelile wonke amandla amadodana kaJakobe nalokho ababekwenzile kubo empini yabo nabantwana baka-Esawu.
6 Ngalezo zinsuku uZefo wayeyenga u-Angeas nsuku zonke ukuba alwe namadodana kaJakobe ngalezo zinsuku.
7 Ngemva kwesikhathi esithile u-Angeas walalela amazwi kaZefo, wavuma ukuba alwe namadodana kaJakobe eGibhithe, u-Angeas wahlela bonke abantu bakhe, abantu abaningi njengesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle, wanquma ukuya eGibhithe ukuyolwa.
8 Phakathi kwezinceku zika-Angeas kwakukhona umfana oneminyaka eyishumi nanhlanu ubudala, uBalami indodana kaBeyori igama lakhe futhi umfana wayehlakaniphile kakhulu futhi eqonda ubuciko bokuthakatha.
9 U-Angeas wathi kuBalami: “Silongele, ngiyakuncenga, ngobuthakathi, ukuze sazi ukuthi ubani ozonqoba kule mpi esiqhubekela kuyo manje.”
10 UBalami wayala ukuba bamlethele inhlaka, wenza ngayo umfanekiso wezinqola nabamahhashi abamele ibutho lika-Angeas nebutho laseGibhithe, wawafaka emanzini alungisiwe ngobuhlakani ayenawo ngaleyo njongo, waphatha amagatsha emithini yemikhomo, wasebenzisa ubuqili bakhe, wawahlanganisa phezu kwamanzi, kwabonakala kuye emanzini izithombe ezifana

namabutho ka-Angeas ziwela phambi kwezithombe ezifana nezabaseGibhithe namadodana kaJakobe.
11 UBalami watshela u-Angeas le nto, u-Angeas waphelelwa yithemba, akaze ahlome ukuya eGibhithe ukuyolwa, wahlala emzini wakhe.
12 Kwathi uZefo indodana kaElifazi ebona ukuthi u-Angeas usephelelwe yithemba lokuya empini namaGibhithe, uZefo wabaleka e-Angeas esuka e-Afrika, wahamba waya eKitimi.
13 Bonke abantu baseKitimi bamamukela ngenhlonipho enkulu, bamqasha ukuba alwe izimpi zabo zonke izinsuku, uZefo waceba kakhulu ngalezo zinsuku, futhi amabutho enkosi yase-Afrika aqhubeka esabalala ngalezo zinsuku, futhi abantwana baseKitimi babuthana baya eNtabeni iCuptizia ngenxa yamabutho enkosi yase-Angeas yase-Afrika, ayebahlasela.
14 Kwathi ngolunye usuku uZefo elahlekelwa yithole elincane, wahamba wayolifuna, walizwa likhala nxazonke zentaba.
15 UZepho wahamba wabona, bheka, kwakukhona umhume omkhulu phansi kwentaba, futhi kwakukhona itshe elikhulu lapho emnyango womhume, uZepho waqhekeza itshe, wangena emhumeni, wabheka, bheka, isilwane esikhulu sasidla inkabi; kusukela phakathi kuya phezulu sasifana nomuntu, futhi kusukela phakathi kuya phansi sasifana nesilwane, uZepho wasukuma elwa nesilwane wasibulala ngezinkemba zakhe.
16 Abakhileyo eKitimi bezwa ngale nto, bajabula kakhulu, bathi: “Sizokwenzenjani ngalo muntu obulele lesi silwane esidle izinkomo zethu?”
17 Bonke babuthana ukuze bamngcwelise usuku olulodwa ngonyaka, baqamba igama lalo ngokuthi uZefo ngegama lakhe, bamlethela iminikelo yokuphuzwa iminyaka ngeminyaka ngalolo suku, bamlethela nezipho.
18 Ngaleso sikhathi uJania indodakazi ka-Uzu, umka-Angeas, wagula, ukugula kwakhe kwazwiwa kakhulu ngu-Angeas nezikhulu zakhe, u-Angeas wathi ezihlakaniphini zakhe: “Ngizomenzenjani uJania, futhi ngingamphulukisa kanjani ekuguleni kwakhe?” Izihlakaniphi zakhe zathi kuye: “Ngenxa yokuthi umoya wezwe lakithi awunjengomoya wezwe laseKitimi, namanzi ethu awafani namanzi awo, yingakho indlovukazi yagula ngenxa yalokhu.”
19 Ngoba ngenxa yokushintsha komoya namanzi wagula, futhi ngenxa yokuthi ezweni lakubo wayephuza amanzi avela ePurma kuphela, okhokho bakhe ababewakhuphule ngamabhuloho.
20 U-Angeas wayala izinceku zakhe, zamlethela ngezitsha zamanzi asePurma aseKitimi, balinganisa lawo manzi nawo wonke amanzi asezweni lase-Afrika, bathola lawo manzi elula kunamanzi ase-Afrika.
21 U-Angeas wakubona lokhu, wayala zonke izikhulu zakhe ukuba ziqoqe abagawuli bamatshe ngezinkulungwane namashumi ezinkulungwane, baqopha amatshe angenakubalwa, abakhi beza bakha ibhuloho eliqine kakhulu, bahambisa umthombo wamanzi usuka ezweni laseKitimi waya e-Afrika, lawo manzi ayengokaJania indlovukazi kanye nazo zonke izinkathazo zakhe, ukuphuza kuwo nokubhaka, ukugeza nokugeza ngawo, kanye nokunisela ngawo yonke imbewu okutholakala kuyo ukudla, nazo zonke izithelo zomhlabathi.
22 Inkosi yayala ukuba balethe emhlabathini waseKitimi ngemikhumbi emikhulu, futhi baletha namatshe okuzokwakha ngawo, futhi abakhi bakhela uJaniya indlovukazi izigodlo, futhi indlovukazi yaphulukiswa ekuguleni kwayo.
23 Futhi ekuguqukeni konyaka amabutho ase-Afrika aqhubeka nokuza ezweni laseKitimi ukuzophanga njengenjwayelo, uZefo indodana ka-Elifazi wezwa umbiko wabo, wayala ngabo walwa nabo, babaleka phambi kwakhe, wakhulula izwe laseKitimi kubo.
24 Abantwana baseKitimi babona ubuqhawe bukaZefo, abantwana baseKitimi bazimisela, babeka uZefo inkosi phezu kwabo, waba yinkosi phezu kwabo, kwathi ngesikhathi ebusa baya konqoba abantwana baseThubali nazo zonke iziqhingi ezizungezile.
25 Inkosi yabo uZefo yahamba phambili, balwa neThubali neziqhingi, babanqoba, kwathi lapho bebuya empini bavuselela umbuso wakhe, bamakhela isigodlo esikhulu kakhulu sendlu yakhe yobukhosi nesihlalo sakhe, bamenzela isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu, uZefo wabusa phezu kwezwe lonke laseKitimi naphezu kwezwe lase-Italy iminyaka engamashumi amahlanu.

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1 Ngalowo nyaka, ngonyaka wama-79 wehla kwa-Israyeli baya eGibhithe, uRubeni indodana kaJakobe wafa ezweni laseGibhithe; uRubeni wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nanhlanu ekufeni kwakhe; bamfaka ebhokisini, wanikelwa ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
2 Ngonyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalombili umfowabo uDani washona; wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili ekufeni kwakhe, futhi naye wafakwa ebhokisini lomngcwabo wanikelwa ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
3 Ngalowo nyaka uKhushamu inkosi yakwa-Edomi wafa, uHadadi indodana kaBedadi wabusa emva kwakhe iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nanhlanu; kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nanye u-Isakare indodana kaJakobe wafa eGibhithe, u-Isakare wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nambili ekufeni kwakhe, wafakwa ebhokisini eGibhithe, wanikelwa ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
4 Ngomnyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nambili wafa u-Asheri umfowabo, eneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nantathu ekufeni kwakhe, wafakwa ebhokisini eGibhithe, wanikelwa ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
5 Ngomnyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nantathu wafa uGadi, eneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nanhlanu ubudala ekufeni kwakhe, wafakwa ebhokisini eGibhithe, wanikelwa ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
6 Kwathi ngonyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nane, okungumnyaka wamashumi amahlanu wokubusa kukaHadadi indodana kaBedadi, inkosi yakwa-Edomi, uHadadi wabutha bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu, wahlela impi yakhe yonke, amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane, waqondisa indlela yakhe eya ezweni lakwaMowabi, waya ukulwa noMowabi, wabenza iziboshwa kuye.
7 Lapho abantwana bakwaMowabi bezwa lokhu, besaba kakhulu, bathumela kubakwaMidiyani ukuba babasize

ekulweni noHadadi indodana kaBedadi, inkosi yakwa-Edomi.
8 UHadadi esefikile ezweni lakwaMowabi, uMowabi nabantwana bakwaMidiyani baphuma ukumhlangabeza; bazihlela ukulwa naye endle lakwaMowabi.
9 UHadadi walwa noMowabi, kwawa abantu abaningi bakwaMowabi nakubantwana bakwaMidiyani, cishe amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili.
10 Impi yayinzima kakhulu phezu kukaMowabi; lapho abantwana bakwaMowabi bebona ukuthi impi inzima phezu kwabo, babuthakathaka izandla zabo, bafulathela, bashiya abantwana bakwaMidiyani ukuba baqhubeke nempi.
11 Abantwana bakwaMidiyani babengazi izinhloso zikaMowabi, kodwa baziqinisa empini, balwa noHadadi nayo yonke impi yakhe, bonke abakwaMidiyani bawa phambi kwakhe.
12 UHadadi wabulala bonke abakwaMidiyani ngokubulala okukhulu, wababulala ngosiko lwenkemba, akashiyanga noyedwa owasala kulabo abeza ukusiza abakwaMowabi.
13 Kwathi lapho bonke abantwana bakwaMidiyani sebebhubhile empini, nabantwana bakwaMowabi sebephunyukile, uHadadi wabeka bonke abakwaMowabi esandleni sakhe ngaleso sikhathi, baba ngaphansi kwesandla sakhe, bakhipha intela yonyaka njengoba kwakushiwo, uHadadi waphenduka wabuyela ezweni lakhe.
14 Kwathi ngoguquko lonyaka, lapho abanye abantu bakwaMidiyani ababesezweni bezwa ukuthi bonke abafowabo bawile empini noHadadi ngenxa kaMowabi, ngoba abantwana bakwaMowabi babefulathele empini futhi bashiya abakwaMidiyani ukuba balwe, khona-ke izikhulu ezinhlanu zakwaMidiyani zanquma nabanye abafowabo ababesele ezweni lazo, ukulwa noMowabi ukuze baphindisele imbangela yabafowabo.
15 Abantwana bakwaMidiyani bathumela kubafowabo bonke, abantwana basempumalanga, nakubafowabo bonke, bonke abantwana bakwaKetura, beza ukusiza abakwaMidiyani ukulwa noMowabi.
16 Lapho abantwana bakwaMowabi bezwa lokhu, besaba kakhulu ukuthi bonke abantu basempumalanga babehlangene ndawonye ukulwa nabo, abantwana bakwaMowabi bathumela isikhumbuzo ezweni lakwa-Edomi kuHadadi indodana kaBedadi, bathi:
17 Wozani kithi manje, nisisize, sinqobe abakwaMidiyani, ngokuba bonke babuthana ndawonye, basifikele bona nabafowabo bonke, abantwana basempumalanga, ukuzolwa, ukuze baphindisele abakwaMidiyani abawile empini.
18 UHadadi, indodana kaBedadi, inkosi yakwa-Edomi, waphuma nempi yakhe yonke, waya ezweni lakwaMowabi ukuyolwa namaMidiyani; amaMidiyani nabantu basempumalanga balwa namaMowabi ensimini yakwaMowabi, impi yaba nzima kakhulu phakathi kwabo.
19 UHadadi wabulala bonke abantwana bakwaMidiyani nabasempumalanga ngosiko lwenkemba, uHadadi wasindisa uMowabi ngaleso sikhathi esandleni sakwaMidiyani; abaseleyo bakwaMidiyani nabasempumalanga babaleka phambi kukaHadadi nempi yakhe; uHadadi wabaxosha, waze wababulala kakhulu; ababuleweyo bawa endleleni.
20 UHadadi wasindisa uMowabi esandleni sakwaMidiyani, ngokuba bonke abantwana bakwaMidiyani babewile ngosiko lwenkemba; uHadadi waphenduka, wabuyela ezweni lakhe.
21 Kusukela ngalolo suku kuqhubeke, abantwana bakwaMidiyani babazonda abantwana bakwaMowabi, ngoba babewile empini ngenxa yabo, futhi kwakukhona ubutha obukhulu nobunamandla phakathi kwabo zonke izinsuku.
22 Bonke abafunyanwa kwaMidiyani endleleni eya ezweni lakwaMowabi babhubha ngenkemba yakwaMowabi, nabo bonke abafunyanwa kwaMowabi endleleni eya ezweni lakwaMidiyani babhubha ngenkemba yakwaMidiyani; benze njalo abakwaMidiyani kwaMowabi nakwaMowabi kwaMidiyani izinsuku eziningi.
23 Kwathi ngaleso sikhathi uJuda indodana kaJakobe wafela eGibhithe, ngonyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesithupha wehlela eGibhithe, uJuda wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye ekufeni kwakhe; bamgqumisa ngemithi, bamfaka ebhokisini, wanikelwa ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
24 Ngonyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesishiyagalolunye uNafetali washona, eneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu nambili ubudala, wafakwa ebhokisini lomngcwabo wanikelwa ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
25 Kwathi ngonyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanye wama-Israyeli ehlela eGibhithe, okungukuthi ngonyaka wamashumi amathathu wokubusa kukaZefo indodana ka-Elifazi, indodana ka-Esawu, phezu kwabantwana bakwaKitimi, abantwana base-Afrika bafika kubantwana bakwaKitimi ukuze babaphange njengenjwayelo, kodwa babengazange babafikele kule minyaka eyishumi nantathu.
26 Bafika kubo ngalowo nyaka, uZefo indodana ka-Elifazi waphuma waya kubo kanye nabanye babantu bakhe, wabashaya kakhulu, amabutho ase-Afrika abaleka phambi kukaZefo, ababuleweyo bawa phambi kwakhe, uZefo namadoda akhe babaxosha, beqhubeka nokubashaya baze basondela e-Afrika.
27 Kwathi u-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika ezwa lokho uZepho ayekwenzile, kwamkhathaza kakhulu, u-Angeas wayemesaba uZepho zonke izinsuku.

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1 Ngonyaka wamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nantathu uLevi, indodana kaJakobe, washona eGibhithe, futhi uLevi wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu nesikhombisa ubudala lapho efa, futhi bamfaka ebhokisini lokungcwaba futhi wanikelwa ezandleni zabantwana bakhe.
2 Kwathi ngemva kokufa kukaLevi, lapho bonke abaseGibhithe bebona ukuthi amadodana kaJakobe, abafowabo bakaJosefa, ayesefile, bonke abaseGibhithe baqala ukuhlupha abantwana bakaJakobe, nokubazwisa ubuhlungu kusukela ngalolo suku kwaze kwaba usuku lokuphuma kwabo eGibhithe, bathatha ezandleni zabo zonke izivini namasimu uJosefa ayebanike wona, nazo zonke izindlu ezinhle lapho abantu bakwa-Israyeli babehlala khona, nakho konke okunonile kweGibhithe,

abaseGibhithe bakuthatha konke emadodaneni kaJakobe ngalezo zinsuku.
3 Isandla salo lonke iGibhithe saba nzima ngalezo zinsuku phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli; abaseGibithe babalimaza abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, baze bakhathala ngenxa yabaseGibithe.
4 Kwathi ngalezo zinsuku, ngonyaka wekhulu nambili wehla u-Israyeli eGibhithe, uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wafa, uMeloli indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe, nawo wonke amadoda anamandla aseGibhithe kanye naso sonke leso sizukulwane esasazi uJosefa nabafowabo bafa ngalezo zinsuku.
5 Kwavela esinye isizukulwane esikhundleni sabo esasingawazi amadodana kaJakobe nakho konke okuhle ababekwenzele wona, namandla abo onke eGibithe.
6 Ngakho-ke lonke iGibhithe laqala kusukela ngalolo suku ukuzwisa ubuhlungu abantwana bakaJakobe nokubahlupha ngazo zonke izinhlobo zomsebenzi onzima, ngoba babengabazi okhokho babo ababebasindise ezinsukwini zendlala.
7 Futhi lokhu kwakuvela eNkosini, ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ukuze kubasize ezinsukwini zabo zokugcina, ukuze bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bazi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo.
8 ukuze ngazi izibonakaliso nezimangaliso ezinkulu uJehova ayezozenza eGibhithe ngenxa yabantu bakhe u-Israyeli, ukuze abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bamesabe uJehova uNkulunkulu wawoyise, bahambe ngezindlela zakhe zonke, bona nenzalo yabo emva kwabo izinsuku zonke.
9 UMeloli wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili lapho eqala ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nane, lonke iGibithe laqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi uFaro ngegama likayise, njengoba kwakunjalo kuwo wonke amakhosi ayebusa phezu kwawo eGibhithe.
10 Ngaleso sikhathi wonke amabutho ka-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika aphuma ukuyosakazeka ezweni laseKitimi njengenjwayelo ukuze aphange.
11 Kwathi uZefo indodana ka-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu ekuzwa lokho, waphuma ukubahlangabeza nebutho lakhe, walwa nabo endleleni.
12 UZepho wabulala amabutho enkosi yase-Afrika ngosiko lwenkemba, akashiyanga noyedwa kubo, futhi akekho noyedwa owabuyela enkosini yakhe e-Afrika.
13 U-Angeas wezwa ngalokho uZefo indodana ka-Elifazi ayekwenzile kuwo wonke amabutho akhe, ukuthi wayewabhubhisile, u-Angeas waqoqa wonke amabutho akhe, wonke amadoda ase-Afrika, abantu abaningi njengesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle.
14 U-Angeas wathumela kuLukus umfowabo, wathi: “Woza kimi nawo wonke amadoda akho, ungisize ngibulale uZefo nabo bonke abantwana bakwaKitimi ababhubhise amadoda ami, uLukus weza nebutho lakhe lonke, ibutho elikhulu kakhulu, ukuzosiza u-Angeas umfowabo ukuba alwe noZefo nabantwana bakwaKitimi.”
15 UZefo nabantwana bakwaKitimi bezwa lokhu, besaba kakhulu, kwathi izinhliziyo zabo zashaywa luvalo olukhulu.
16 UZefo wathumela incwadi ezweni lakwa-Edomi kuHadadi indodana kaBedadi, inkosi yakwa-Edomi, nakubo bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu, wathi:
17 Ngizwile ukuthi u-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika uza kithi nomfowabo ukuze alwe nathi, futhi siyamesaba kakhulu, ngoba ibutho lakhe likhulu kakhulu, ikakhulukazi njengoba eza kithi nomfowabo nebutho lakhe ngokufanayo.
18 Ngakho-ke khuphukani nami, ningisize, silwe no-Angeas nomfowabo uLuku, nisisindise esandleni sabo; kodwa uma kungenjalo, yazini ukuthi sonke sizokufa.
19 Abantwana bakwa-Esawu bathumela incwadi kubantwana bakwaKitimi nakuSefo inkosi yabo, bathi: “Asinakulwa no-Angeya nabantu bakhe, ngokuba isivumelwano sokuthula besilokhu sikhona phakathi kwethu iminyaka emininingi, kusukela ezinsukwini zikaBela inkosi yokuqala, nasemihleni kaJosefa indodana kaJakobe inkosi yaseGibithe, esalwa naye ngaphesheya kweJordani lapho emmbela uyise.”
20 Kwathi uZefo ezwa amazwi abafowabo, abantwana bakaEsawu, wazibamba, uZefo wesaba kakhulu u-Angeas.
21 U-Angeas nomfowabo uLuku bahlela wonke amabutho abo, amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili, ukuba balwe nabantwana baseKitimi.
22 Bonke abantwana bakwaKitimi bathi kuZefo: “Sithandazele kuNkulunkulu wawoyihlo, mhlawumbe angasikhululula esandleni sika-Angeas nebutho lakhe, ngokuba sizwile ukuthi unguNkulunkulu omkhulu nokuthi uyabasindisa bonke abamethembayo.”
23 UZefo wezwa amazwi abo, uZefo wafuna iNkosi, wathi:
24 0 Nkosi Nkulunkulu ka-Abrahama no-Isaka okhokho bami, namuhla ngiyazi ukuthi unguNkulunkulu weqiniso, nokuthi bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayize futhi abayize.
25 Khumbula namuhla kimi isivumelwano sakho no-Abrahama ubaba wethu, okhokho bethu abasilandisa sona, wenze ngomusa kimi namuhla ngenxa ka-Abrahama no-Isaka okhokho bethu, ungisindise mina nabantwana baseKitimi esandleni senkosi yase-Afrika eza ukuzolwa nathi.
26 UJehova walizwa izwi likaZefo, wamnaka ngenxa ka-Abrahama no-Isaka; uJehova wasindisa uZefo nabantwana bakwaKitimi esandleni sika-Angeya nabantu bakhe.
27 UZepho walwa no-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika kanye nabo bonke abantu bakhe ngalolo suku, iNkosi yanikela bonke abantu base-Angeas ezandleni zabantwana baseKitimi.
28 Impi yaba nzima phezu kuka-Angeas, uZefo wabulala bonke abantu base-Angeas noLucus umfowabo ngosiko lwenkemba, kwawa kubo kwaze kwaba kusihlwa ngalolo suku amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane.
29 Kwathi u-Angeas esebona ukuthi wonke amadoda akhe afile, wathumela incwadi kubo bonke abantu base-Afrika ukuba beze kuye, bazomsiza empini, wabhala encwadini, ethi: Bonke abatholakala e-Afrika mabaze kimi kusukela eminyakeni eyishumi kuya phezulu; bonke mabaze kimi, bheka, uma engafiki, uzokufa, futhi konke anakho, kanye nendlu yakhe yonke, inkosi izokuthatha.
30 Bonke abanye abantu base-Afrika besaba ngamazwi ka-Angeas, kwaphuma amadoda nabafana abangaba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu, kusukela kwabaneminyaka eyishumi kuya phezulu, bafika e-Angeas.
31 Ekupheleni kwezinsuku eziyishumi u-Angeas waphinde walwa noZefo nabantwana bakwaKitimi, futhi impi yaba nkulu kakhulu futhi inamandla phakathi kwabo.

32 Futhi ebuthweni lika-Angeas noLucus, uZefo wathumela abantu abaningi abalimele esandleni sakhe, cishe amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezimbili, kwathi uSosiftar, induna yempi yase-Angeas, wawa kuleyo mpi.
33 Kwathi lapho uSosiphtar esewile, amabutho ase-Afrika aphenduka abaleke, abaleka, u-Angeas noLucus umfowabo babekanye nabo.
34 UZefo nabantwana bakwaKitimi babaxosha, bababulala kakhulu endleleni, kungathi amadoda angamakhulu amabili, bamxosha u-Azdubhali indodana ka-Angeas owayebaleke noyise, babulala abantu bakhe abangamashumi amabili endleleni; u-Azdubhali waphunyuka kubantwana bakwaKitimi, abambulalanga.
35 U-Angeas noLucus umfowabo babaleka kanye nabanye abantu babo, babaleka bafika e-Afrika besaba futhi bedidekile, u-Angeas wesaba zonke izinsuku ukuthi uZefo indodana ka-Elifazi angaya empini naye.

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1 UBileyamu indodana kaBeyori wayenaye u-Angeya empini ngaleso sikhathi; lapho ebona ukuthi uSefo unqobile u-Angeya, wabaleka lapho, wafika eKitimi.
2 UZefo nabantwana bakwaKitimi bamamukela ngenhlonipho enkulu, ngoba uZefo wayekwazi ukuhlakanipha kukaBhalami, futhi uZefo wanika uBhalami izipho eziningi wahlala naye.
3 Kwathi uZefo esebuyile empini, wayala ukuba kubalwe bonke abantwana baseKitimi ababeye empini naye, futhi bheka, akukho noyedwa owalahleka.
4 UZefo wajabula ngalokhu, wavuselela umbuso wakhe, wenza idili kubo bonke abantu bakhe.
5 Kodwa uZepho akazange akhumbule iNkosi futhi akazange acabange ukuthi iNkosi yayimsize empini, nokuthi yayimkhulule yena nabantu bakhe esandleni senkosi yase-Afrika, kodwa waqhubeka ehamba ezindleleni zabantwana baseKitimi nabantwana ababi baka-Esawu, ukukhonza abanye onkulunkulu abafowabo abantwana baka-Esawu ababemfundise bona; ngakho-ke kuthiwa, Kwababi kuvela ububi.
6 UZefo wabusa phezu kwabo bonke abantwana baseKitimi ngokuphepha, kodwa wayengazi uJehova owayemkhululile yena nabo bonke abantu bakhe esandleni senkosi yase-Afrika; futhi amabutho ase-Afrika awaphindanga afika eKitimi ukuzophanga njengenjwayelo, ngoba ayazi ngamandla kaZefo owayebabulale bonke ngosiko lwenkemba, ngakho u-Angeas wesaba uZefo indodana ka-Elifazi, kanye nabantwana baseKitimi zonke izinsuku.
7 Ngaleso sikhathi lapho uZepho esebuyile empini, futhi lapho uZepho esebonile ukuthi ubanqobe kanjani bonke abantu base-Afrika futhi ebabulale empini ngosiko lwenkemba, uZepho wabe esecebisana nabantwana baseKitimi, ukuba baye eGibhithe ukuyolwa namadodana kaJakobe noFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe.
8 Ngoba uZefo wezwa ukuthi amadoda anamandla aseGibhithe afile nokuthi uJosefa nabafowabo amadodana kaJakobe bafile, nokuthi bonke abantwana babo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basale eGibhithe.
9 UZefo wacabanga ukuyakulwa nabo kanye neGibhithe lonke, ukuze aphindisele udaba lwabafowabo, abantwana baka-Esawu, uJosefa nabafowabo kanye neGibhithe lonke ababebanqobile ezweni laseKhanani, lapho bekhuphuka ukuyongcwaba uJakobe eHebroni.
10 UZefo wathuma izithunywa kuHadadi indodana kaBedadi, inkosi yakwa-Edomi, nakubo bonke abafowabo, abantwana bakwa-Esawu, wathi:
11 Awushongo yini ukuthi ngeke nilwe nenkosi yase-Afrika ngoba iyilungu lesivumelwano senu? Bhekani, ngalwa naye, ngamshaya yena nabo bonke abantu bakhe.
12 Ngakho-ke sengizimisele ukulwa neGibhithe kanye nabantwana bakaJakobe abakhona lapho, futhi ngizophindisela kubo ngalokho uJosefa, abafowabo kanye nokhokho bakhe abakwenza kithi ezweni laseKhanani lapho bekhuphuka ukuyongcwaba uyise eHebroni.
13 Manje-ke uma nivuma ukuza kimi ukuzongisiza ekulweni nabo kanye neGibhithe, khona-ke sizophindisela udaba lwabafowethu.
14 Abantwana bakwa-Esawu balalela amazwi kaZefo; abantwana bakwa-Esawu babuthana, baba yisizwe esikhulu kakhulu, baya ukusiza uZefo nabantwana bakwaKitimi empini.
15 UZefo wathumela amazwi anjengalawa kubo bonke abantu basempumalanga nakuwo wonke amadodana ka-Ishmayeli, bahlangana ndawonye, beza ukusiza uZefo nabantwana bakwaKitimi empini neGibhithe.
16 Onke la makhosi, inkosi yakwa-Edomi, nabantu basempumalanga, nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Ishmayeli, noSefo inkosi yaseKitimi, baphuma, bahlela wonke amabutho abo eHebroni.
17 Ikamu lalinzima kakhulu, lithatha ibanga lezinsuku ezintathu, abantu abaningi njengesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle esingenakubalwa.
18 Onke lawo makhosi namabutho awo ehla, ahlasela lonke iGibithe empini, amisa ndawonye esigodini sasePatrosi.
19 Lonke iGibhithe lezwa umbiko wabo, labuthana ndawonye, bonke abantu bezwe laseGibhithe, kanye nayo yonke imizi yaseGibhithe, amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu.
20 Amadoda aseGibhithe athumela nakwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ababesezweni laseGosheni ngalezo zinsuku, ukuba beze kubo, balwe nalawa makhosi.
21 Amadoda akwa-Israyeli abuthana, angaba ngamadoda ayikhulu namashumi amahlanu, aya empini ukusiza abaseGibithe.
22 Amadoda akwa-Israyeli nawaseGibhithe aphuma, amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu namadoda ayikhulu namashumi amahlanu, aya empini kulawo makhosi, azimisa ngaphandle kwezwe laseGosheni maqondana nePhatrosi.
23 AbaseGibhithe abakholwanga ngu-Israyeli ukuba ahambe nabo emakamu abo empini, ngokuba bonke abaseGibithe bathi: “Mhlawumbe abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bangasinikela esandleni sabantwana bakwa-Esawu no-Ishmayeli, ngokuba bangabafowabo.”
24 Bonke abaseGibhithe bathi kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli: “Hlalani lapha ndawonye, sizohamba siyolwa nabantwana bakwa-Esawu no-Ishmayeli, futhi uma la makhosi engasinqoba, wozani nilwe nawo ngokuphelele, nisisize.” Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza kanjalo.

25 UZefo indodana ka-Elifazi indodana ka-Esawu inkosi yaseKitimi, noHadadi indodana kaBedadi inkosi yakwa-Edomi, nawo onke amakamu abo, nabo bonke abantu basempumalanga, nabantwana baka-Ishmayeli, abantu abaningi njengesihlabathi, bamisa ndawonye esigodini sasePatrosi malungana neTakiphanke.
26 UBalami indodana kaBeyori umSiriya wayelapho ekamu likaZefo, ngokuba weza nabantwana bakwaKitimi empini, uBalami wayengumuntu ohlonishwa kakhulu emehlweni kaZefo namadoda akhe.
27 UZefo wathi kuBalami: “Sihlolele ngokubhula ukuze sazi ukuthi ngubani ozonqoba empini, thina noma abaseGibhithe.”
28 UBalami wasukuma wazama ubuciko bokubhula, futhi wayenekhono ekwazini ngakho, kodwa wadideka futhi umsebenzi wabhujiswa esandleni sakhe.
29 Wazama futhi kodwa akuphumelelanga, uBalami waphelelwa yithemba ngakho, wakushiya, akakuqedanga, ngokuba lokhu kwakuvela kuJehova, ukuze abangele uZefo nabantu bakhe ukuba bawele esandleni sabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ababethembele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wawoyise, empini yabo.
30 UZefo noHadadi bahlela impi yabo, bonke abaseGibhithe baphuma bodwa belwa nabo, kungathi amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu, kungekho muntu wakwa-Israyeli owayenabo.
31 Bonke abaseGibhithe balwa nala makhosi phambi kwePhatirosi neThakiphanike, futhi impi yaba nzima ngokumelene nabaseGibhithe.
32 Amakhosi ayenamandla kunabaseGibhithe kuleyo mpi, kwawa amadoda aseGibhithe angaba yikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili ngalolo suku, kanye namadoda angaba ngamashumi amathathu amabutho amakhosi, nawo wonke amadoda aseGibhithe abaleka phambi kwamakhosi, ngakho abantwana bakwa-Esawu no-Ishmayeli baxosha abaseGibhithe, baqhubeka nokubabulala baze bafika endaweni lapho kwakukhona ikamu labantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
33 Bonke abaseGibhithe bakhala kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bathi: “Sheshani nize kithi, nisisize, nisisindise esandleni sika-Esawu, no-Ishmayeli, nabantwana bakwaKitimi.”
34 Amadoda ayikhulu namashumi amahlanu abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abaleka esuka endaweni yawo aya emakamu ala makhosi, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bakhala kuJehova uNkulunkulu wabo ukuba abasindise.
35 UJehova wamlalela u-Israyeli, uJehova wanikela bonke abantu bamakhosi esandleni sakhe; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli balwa nalawa makhosi; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babulala amadoda amakhosi angaba yizinkulungwane ezine.
36 UJehova wabangela ukwesaba okukhulu ekamu lamakhosi, kangangokuthi ukwesaba kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli kwabehlela.
37 Wonke amabutho amakhosi abaleka phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babaxosha beqhubeka nokubashaya kwaze kwaba semingceleni yezwe laseKushe.
38 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babulala abantu abayizinkulungwane ezimbili kubo endleleni; akwawa noyedwa kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
39 Kwathi abaseGibhithe bebona ukuthi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli balwe namakhosi ngamabutho ambalwa, nokuthi impi yayinzima kakhulu kubo,
40 Bonke abaseGibhithe besaba kakhulu ngenxa yempi enamandla, bonke abaseGibhithe babaleka, bonke becasha emabuthweni ahlomile, bacasha endleleni, bashiya abakwa-Israyeli ukuba balwe.
41 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babashaya kakhulu abantu bamakhosi, babuya kubo ngemva kokubaxoshele emngceleni wezwe laseKushe.
42 Wonke u-Israyeli wazi lokho amadoda aseGibithe akwenzile kubo, ukuthi ababalekele empini, abashiya ukuba balwe bodwa.
43 Ngakho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli nabo benza ngobuqili, kwathi lapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bebuya empini, bathola abanye kwabaseGibithe endleleni, bababulala lapho.
44 Kwathi besababulala, basho la mazwi kubo:
45 Kungani nisuke kithi futhi nisishiye, singabantu abambalwa, ukuze nilwe nala makhosi ayenabantu abaningi abasishaya, ukuze nisindise imiphefumulo yenu?
46 Kwabanye abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abahlangana nabo endleleni, bakhuluma bodwa, bathi: “Shaya, shaya, ngokuba ungumIshmayeli, noma umEdomi, noma ungowabantwana bakwaKitimi.” Bama ngakuye, bambulala, bazi ukuthi ungumGibhithe.
47 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza lezi zinto ngobuqili kumaGibhithe, ngokuba babebashiyile empini, bababalekela.
48 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babulala amadoda aseGibithe endleleni, kungathi amadoda angamakhulu amabili.
49 Bonke abantu baseGibhithe babona ububi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ababebenze kubo; bonke abaseGibhithe besaba kakhulu abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ngokuba babebone amandla abo amakhulu nokuthi akukho noyedwa kubo owawa.
50 Ngakho bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babuyela ngokuthokoza endleleni yabo eya eGosheni, nabanye abaseGibhithe babuyela yilowo nalowo endaweni yakhe.

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1 Kwathi emva kwalezo zinto bonke abeluleki bakaFaro inkosi yaseGibithe nabo bonke abadala baseGibithe babuthana, beza phambi kwenkosi, bakhothama phansi, bahlala phambi kwayo.
2 Abeluleki namalunga aseGibithe bakhuluma enkosini, bathi:
3 Bheka, abantu bakwa-Israyeli bakhulu kunathi, banamandla kunathi; wena uyazi konke okubi abakwenzela thina endleleni lapho sibuya empini.
4 Futhi uwabonile amandla abo amakhulu, ngoba la mandla avela koyise, ngoba amadoda ambalwa amelana nabantu abaningi njengesihlabathi, ababulala ngosiko lwenkemba, futhi akekho noyedwa owawa, kangangokuthi ukube babebaningi ngabe bababhubhise ngokuphelele.
5 Ngakho-ke ake sitshele ukuthi senzeni ngabo, size sibabhubhise kancane kancane phakathi kwethu, funa babe baningi kakhulu kithi ezweni.

6 Ngoba uma abantwana bakwa-Israyeli banda ezweni, bazoba yisithiyo kithi, futhi uma kwenzeka noma yikuphi ukulwa, bazohlangana nesitha sethu ngamandla abo amakhulu, balwe nathi, basibhubhise ezweni futhi basuke kulo.
7 Inkosi yaphendula yathi kumalunga aseGibithe: "Leli yicebo esilicebe ngo-Israyeli, esingayikulishiya,
8 Bhekani ezweni kukhona iPithomu neRamesesi, imizi engabiyelwe impi, kufanele nina kanye nathi siyakhe, siyiqinise.
9 Ngakho-ke hambani nani, nibenzele ubuqili, nimemezele izwi eGibithe naseGosheni ngesiyalo senkosi, nithi:
10 Nonke nina bantu baseGibhithe, iGosheni, iPhatrosi nabo bonke abakhileyo kulo, inkosi isiyalile ukwakha iPithomu neRamesesi, nokubaqinisa impi; ngubani phakathi kwenu kulo lonke iGibhithe, kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli nakubo bonke abakhileyo emizini, ozimisele ukwakha nathi, yilowo nalowo uyakunikwa inkokhelo yakhe imihla ngemihla ngokomyalo wenkosi; ngakho-ke hambani kuqala nenze ngobuqili, nibuthane nize ePithomu naseRamesesi niyokwakha.
11 Futhi njengoba nakha, yenzani ukuthi kumenyezelwe lokhu kulo lonke elaseGibhithe nsuku zonke ngokuyala kwenkosi.
12 Futhi lapho abanye abantwana bakwa-Israyeli beza bezokwakha nawe, kufanele ubakhokhele inkokhelo yabo imihla ngemihla izinsuku ezimbalwa.
13 Ngemva kokuba sebekwakhile nani njengenkokhelo yabo yansuku zonke, zikhipheni kude nabo nsuku zonke ngamunye ngasese, bese nisukuma nibe ngabaphathi babo bemisebenzi nezikhulu, bese nibashiya kamuva ukuba bakhe ngaphandle kwenkokhelo, futhi uma benqaba, baphoqe ngamandla enu onke ukuba bakhe.
14 Futhi uma nenza lokhu kuzosilungela ukuqinisa izwe lethu ngokumelene nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ngoba ngenxa yokukhathala kokwakha nomsebenzi, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bazoncipha, ngoba nizobaphuca abafazi babo usuku nosuku.
15 Bonke abadala baseGibhithe bezwa iseluleko senkosi, futhi iseluleko saba sihle emehlweni abo nasemehlweni ezinceku zikaFaro nasemehlweni eGibhithe lonke, benza njengezwi lenkosi.
16 Zonke izinceku zasuka enkosini, zamemezela kulo lonke elaseGibhithe, eTakiphanke, naseGosheni, nasemizini yonke eyayizungeze iGibithe, zathi:
17 Nikubonile lokho abantwana baka-Esawu no-Ishmayeli abakwenze kithi, abeza ukuzolwa nathi futhi befuna ukusibhubhisa.
18 Ngakho-ke inkosi yasiyala ukuba siqinise izwe, sakhe imizi yasePithomu naseRamesesi, siyiqinisele impi, uma ingaphinda isihlasele.
19 Noma ngubani kini ovela kulo lonke elaseGibhithe nakwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ozakuza azokwakha nathi, inkosi iyamnika inkokhelo yakhe yansuku zonke, njengoba nje isiyalile.
20 Kwathi lapho iGibhithe nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bezwa konke okwakukhulunywe yizinceku zikaFaro, bafika bevela eGibhithe kanye nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli bezokwakha kanye nezinceku zikaFaro, iPithomu neRamesesi, kodwa akekho kubantwana bakwaLevi oweza nabafowabo ukuzokwakha.
21 Zonke izinceku zikaFaro nezikhulu zakhe zaqala ngobuqili ukwakha kanye no-Israyeli wonke njengezisebenzi eziqashiwe nsuku zonke, futhi banika u-Israyeli inkokhelo yabo yansuku zonke ekuqaleni.
22 Izinceku zikaFaro zakha kanye no-Israyeli wonke, zasebenza kulowo msebenzi no-Israyeli inyanga yonke.
23 Ekupheleni kwenyanga, zonke izinceku zikaFaro zaqala ukuphuma ngasese kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli imihla ngemihla.
24 U-Israyeli waqhubeka nomsebenzi ngaleso sikhathi, kodwa wathola inkokhelo yansuku zonke, ngoba amanye amadoda aseGibhithe ayesesebenza no-Israyeli ngaleso sikhathi; ngakho-ke amaGibhithe amnika u-Israyeli inkokhelo yawo ngalezo zinsuku, ukuze wona, amaGibhithe izisebenzi ezikanye nawo, nawo athathe inkokhelo yomsebenzi wawo.
25 Ekupheleni konyaka nezinyanga ezine bonke abaseGibhithe baphuma kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, kangangokuthi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basala bodwa emsebenzini.
26 Kwathi ngemva kokuba bonke abaseGibhithe sebephumile kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, babuya baba ngabacindezeli nezinduna phezu kwabo, abanye kubo bamela abantwana bakwa-Israyeli njengabaqondisi bemisebenzi, ukuze bamukele kubo konke ababebanika khona ngenkokhelo yomsebenzi wabo.
27 AbaseGibithe babenze njalo kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli imihla ngemihla, ukuze babahluphe emisebenzini yabo.
28 Bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babesebenza bodwa, abaseGibithe bayeka ukukhokhela abantwana bakwa-Israyeli kusukela ngaleso sikhathi kuqhubeke.
29 Kwathi lapho abanye babantu bakwa-Israyeli benqaba ukusebenza ngenxa yokuthi babenganikwanga inkokhelo, abacindezeli nezinceku zikaFaro babacindezela, babashaya ngokushaya okukhulu, bababuyisela ngenkani, basebenza nabafowabo; benze njalo bonke abaseGibithe kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli zonke izinsuku.
30 Bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli besaba kakhulu abaseGibhithe ngale ndaba, bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babuya, basebenza bodwa ngaphandle kwenkokhelo.
31 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bakha iPithomu neRamesesi, bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza umsebenzi, abanye benza izitini, abanye bakha, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bakha futhi baqinisa lonke izwe laseGibhithe nezindonga zalo, futhi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basebenza iminyaka emininingi, kwaze kwaba yilapho kufika isikhathi lapho uJehova ebakhumbula khona futhi ebakhipha eGibhithe.
32 Kodwa abantwana bakwaLevi abazange basebenzele umsebenzi kanye nabafowabo bakwa-Israyeli, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube lusuku lokuphuma kwabo eGibhithe.
33 Ngokuba bonke abantwana bakwaLevi babazi ukuthi abaseGibithe babekhulume onke lawa mazwi ngenkohliso kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli; ngalokho abantwana bakwaLevi bayeka ukusondela emsebenzini nabafowabo.
34 AbaseGibhithe abazange bagxile ekusebenziseni abantwana bakwaLevi ngemva kwalokho, ngoba babengazange babe nabafowabo ekuqaleni, ngakho-ke abaseGibhithe babashiya bodwa.
35 Izandla zamadoda aseGibhithe zaqhubeka ziqondiswe kanzima kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli kulowo msebenzi,

abaseGibhithe babasebenzisa kanzima abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
36 AbaseGibhithe benza ukuphila kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli kwaba kubi kakhulu ngomsebenzi onzima, ngodaka nezitini, nangazo zonke izinhlobo zomsebenzi ensimini.
37 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bambiza uMeloli ngokuthi inkosi yaseGibhithe, ngokuthi uMerori, inkosi yaseGibhithe, ngokuba ezinsukwini zakhe abaseGibhithe babebenza babe muncu impilo yabo ngayo yonke imisebenzi.
38 Yonke imisebenzi abaseGibhithe ababebasebenzisa ngayo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bayicindezela kanzima, ukuze babahluphe abantwana bakwa-Israyeli; kodwa lapho bebahlupha kakhulu, kwayilapho banda khona, banda kakhulu; abaseGibithe bakhathazeka ngabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

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1 Ngaleso sikhathi wafa uHadadi indodana kaBedadi inkosi yakwa-Edomi; uSamla waseMesreka, wasezweni lasempumalanga, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
2 Ngomnyaka weshumi nantathu wokubusa kukaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe, okwakungumnyaka wekhulu namashumi amabili nanhlanu wehla kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli baya eGibhithe, uSamla wabusa phezu kuka-Edomi iminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili.
3 Kwathi esebusa, wakhipha amabutho akhe ukuba ayolwa noZefo indodana ka-Elifazi nabantwana bakwaKitimi, ngoba babelwe no-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika, futhi babhubhisa lonke ibutho lakhe.
4 Kodwa akahlangananga naye, ngoba abantwana bakwa-Esawu bamvimbela, bethi: “Ungumfowabo.” Ngakho uSamla walalela izwi labantwana bakwa-Esawu, wabuyela ezweni lakwa-Edomi nawo wonke amabutho akhe, akaqhubekanga nokulwa noZefo indodana ka-Elifazi.
5 UFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wezwa lokhu, ethi: “USamla inkosi yakwa-Edomi uzimisele ukulwa nabantwana baseKitimi; emva kwalokho uyakufika alwe neGibithe.”
6 Kwathi abaseGibhithe bezwa lokhu, bandisa umsebenzi phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ukuze abakwa-Israyeli bangenzi kubo njengalokho abenza kubo empini yabo nabantwana bakwa-Esawu ezinsukwini zikaHadadi.
7 Base bethi abaseGibithe kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli: “Sheshani nifeze umsebenzi wenu, niqede imisebenzi yenu, niqinise izwe, funa abantwana bakwa-Esawu abafowenu bafike, balwe nathi, ngokuba ngenxa yenu bayakufika kithi.”
8 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza imisebenzi yamadoda aseGibithe imihla ngemihla; abaseGibithe babahlupha abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuze babancishe ezweni.
9 Kodwa njengoba abaseGibhithe bandisa imisebenzi phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, kanjalo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli banda, banda; lonke iGibhithe lagcwala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
10 Kwathi ngonyaka wekhulu namashumi amabili nanhlanu wokwehlela kuka-Israyeli eGibhithe, bonke abaseGibhithe babona ukuthi icebo labo aliphumelelanga ngokumelene no-Israyeli, kodwa banda futhi banda, izwe laseGibhithe nezwe laseGosheni lagcwala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
11 Ngakho bonke abadala baseGibhithe kanye nezihlakaniphi zalo beza phambi kwenkosi, bakhothamela phansi, bahlala phambi kwayo.
12 Bonke abadala baseGibhithe nabahlakaniphileyo balo bathi enkosini: “Mayiphile inkosi kuze kube phakade; usinike iseluleko ngabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, senza kubo njengezwi lenkosi.”
13 Kodwa ngokulingana nokwanda kwabasebenzi kanjalo bayanda futhi bakhula ezweni, futhi bheka lonke izwe ligcwele bona.
14 Ngakho-ke nkosi yethu, amehlo eGibhithe lonke akuwe ukuba ubanike iseluleko ngokuhlakanipha kwakho, ukuze banqobe u-Israyeli ukuze bababhubhise, noma babaqede ezweni; inkosi yabaphendula yathi: “Nikezani iseluleko ngale ndaba, ukuze sazi ukuthi sizokwenzenjani kubo.”
15 Induna ethile, omunye wabaluleki benkosi, ogama layo linguJobe, waseMesopotamiya ezweni lase-Uzi, yaphendula inkosi, yathi:
16 Uma kukuhle enkosini, mayizwe iseluleko senceku yayo; inkosi yathi kuyo: “Khuluma.”
17 UJobe wakhuluma phambi kwenkosi, nezikhulu, naphambi kwabo bonke abadala baseGibithe, wathi:
18 Bheka, iseluleko senkosi eyasiluleka ngaphambili mayelana nomsebenzi wabantwana bakwa-Israyeli sihle kakhulu, futhi akumelwe nisuswe kulabo abasebenza kuze kube phakade.
19 Kodwa nansi iseluleko enisicebisayo ukuba nibanciphise, uma kukuhle enkosini ukubahlupha.
20 Bhekani, sekuyisikhathi eside sesaba impi, sathi: ‘Uma u-Israyeli echuma ezweni, bazosixosha ezweni uma kwenzeka impi.’
21 Uma kukuhle enkosini, makuphume isimemezelo sobukhosi, silotshwe emithethweni yaseGibithe engayikuguqulwa, sokuthi bonke abantwana besilisa abazalwa kwa-Israyeli, igazi labo malichithwe emhlabathini.
22 Futhi ngokwenza lokhu, lapho bonke abantwana besilisa bakwa-Israyeli sebefile, ububi bezimpi zabo buzophela; inkosi mayenze kanjalo, ithumele bonke ababelethisi abangamaHebheru, ibayale ukuba bakwenze lokhu; ngakho-ke le nto yaba yinhle emehlweni enkosi nasezikhulwini, inkosi yenza ngokwezwi likaJobe.
23 Inkosi yayisibiza ababelethisi bamaHebheru, igama lomunye lalinguShefira, igama lomunye linguPhuwa.
24 Ababelethisi bafika phambi kwenkosi, bema phambi kwayo.
25 Inkosi yathi kubo: “Nxa nibelethisa abesifazane abangamaHeberu, nibabona besesihlalweni, uma kuyindodana, niyakuyibulala; uma kuyindodakazi, iyakuphila.”
26 Kodwa uma ningakwenzi lokhu, ngiyakunishisa nina nezindlu zenu zonke ngomlilo.
27 Kodwa ababelethisi babemesaba uNkulunkulu, kabalalelanga inkosi yaseGibhithe namazwi ayo; kwathi lapho abesifazane abangamaHebheru bezalela umbelethisi indodana noma indodakazi, umbelethisi wayenzela umntwana konke okwakudingeka, wamyeka aphile; benze njalo ababelethisi zonke izinsuku.

28 Kwathi inkosi yatshelwa lokhu, yathumela yabiza ababelethisi, yathi kubo: “Nikwenzeleni lokhu, nasindisa abantwana na?”
29 Ababelethisi baphendula, bakhuluma phambi kwenkosi, bathi:
30 Inkosi mayingacabangi ukuthi abesifazane bamaHebheru banjengabesifazane baseGibhithe, ngoba bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli baphilile, futhi ngaphambi kokuba umbelethisi afike kubo, sebebelethile, futhi thina zincekukazi zakho, asikaze sizale izinsuku eziningi, ngoba bonke abesifazane bamaHebheru bangababelethisi babo, ngoba baphilile.
31 UFaro wezwa amazwi abo, wabakholwa yileli zwi; ababelethisi basuka enkosini; uNkulunkulu wabaphatha kahle; abantu banda, banda kakhulu.

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1 Kwakukhona umuntu ezweni laseGibhithe wozalo lukaLevi, ogama lakhe kwakungu-Amramu, indodana kaKehati, indodana kaLevi, indodana ka-Israyeli.
2 Lowo muntu wahamba wathatha umfazi, uJokebedi indodakazi kaLevi udadewabo kayise, eneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nesithupha ubudala, weza kuye.
3 Owesifazane wakhulelwa, wazala indodakazi, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uMiriyamu, ngokuba ngalezo zinsuku abaseGibithe babebazwisa ubuhlungu abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
4 Wakhulelwa futhi, wazala indodana, wayiqamba ngokuthi u-Aroni, ngoba ezinsukwini zokukhulelwa kwakhe, uFaro waqala ukuchitha igazi labantwana besilisa bakwa-Israyeli.
5 Ngalezo zinsuku wafa uZefo indodana ka-Elifazi, indodana ka-Esawu, inkosi yaseKitimi, noJaneya waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
6 Isikhathi uZefo abusa ngaso phezu kwabantwana bakwaKitimi sasiyiminyaka engamashumi amahlanu; wafa, wangcwatshwa emzini waseNabina ezweni laseKitimi.
7 UJaneya, omunye wamadoda anamandla abantwana baseKitimi, wabusa emva kwakhe, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amahlanu.
8 Kwathi ngemva kokufa kwenkosi yaseKitimi, uBhalami indodana kaBeyori wabaleka ezweni laseKitimi, wahamba waya eGibhithe kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe.
9 UFaro wamamukela ngenhlonipho enkulu, ngokuba wayezwile ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, wamnika izipho, wamenza umeluleki, wamphakamisa.
10 UBalami wahlala eGibhithe, ehlonishwa yibo bonke abahlonishwayo benkosi, futhi abahlonishwayo bamphakamisa, ngoba bonke babefisa ukufunda ukuhlakanipha kwakhe.
11 Kwathi ngonyaka wekhulu namashumi amathathu wehla u-Israyeli eGibhithe, uFaro waphupha ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, waphakamisa amehlo akhe wabona indoda endala imi phambi kwakhe, futhi kwakukhona izikali ezandleni zendoda endala, izikali ezisetshenziswa ngabathengisi.
12 Indoda endala yathatha izikali yaziphanyeka phambi kukaFaro.
13 Indoda endala yathatha bonke abadala baseGibhithe kanye nabo bonke abahlonishwayo bakhona kanye namadoda amakhulu, yababopha ndawonye yababeka esikalini esisodwa.
14 Wathatha izinyane lobisi walifaka kwesinye isikali, izinyane lazindla ngakho konke.
15 UFaro wamangala ngalombono owesabekayo, ukuthi kungani umntwana ecabanga ngakho konke, uFaro wavuka, bheka, kwakuyiphupho.
16 UFaro wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabiza zonke izinceku zakhe, wazilandisa iphupho; amadoda esaba kakhulu.
17 Inkosi yathi kubo bonke abahlakaniphileyo bayo: “Ake nichaze iphupho engiliphuphileyo, ukuze ngilazi.”
18 UBileyamu indodana kaBeyori waphendula inkosi, wathi kuyo: “Lokhu akusho lutho olunye, kuzakuba khona ububi obukhulu phezu kweGibithe ezinsukwini ezizayo.”
19 Ngoba u-Israyeli uzazalelwa indodana ezabhubhisa lonke iGibhithe kanye nabakhileyo kulo, futhi ikhiphe ama-Israyeli eGibhithe ngesandla esinamandla.
20 Ngakho-ke, nkosi, cabanga ngale ndaba, ukuze ubhubhise ithemba labantwana bakwa-Israyeli kanye nethemba labo, ngaphambi kokuba lokhu okubi kuvele eGibhithe.
21 Inkosi yathi kuBileyamu: “Sizokwenzenjani ku-Israyeli? Ngokuqinisekile, ngendlela ethile saqala ukucebisana nabo, kodwa asikwazanga ukubanqoba.”
22 Ngakho-ke manje nika nawe iseluleko ngabo ukuze sibanqobe.
23 UBileyamu waphendula inkosi, wathi: “Thuma manje ubize abeluleki bakho ababili, sibone ukuthi bacebisani ngale ndaba, andukuba inceku yakho ikhulume.”
24 Inkosi yayisithumela yabiza abeluleki bayo ababili, uRehuweli wakwaMidiyani noJobe wakwa-Uzi, beza bahlala phambi kwenkosi.
25 Inkosi yathi kubo: “Bhekani, nizwile iphupho engiliphuphileyo nencazelo yalo; ngalokho ake nicebise, nazi, nibone ukuthi kuyakwenziwani kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ukuze sibanqobe, ngaphambi kokuba ububi babo busehlele.”
26 URehuweli wakwaMidiyani waphendula inkosi, wathi: “Mayiphile inkosi, mayiphile phakade.”
27 Uma kukuhle enkosini, mayiyeke amaHebheru, iwashiye, ingaluleli isandla sayo kuwo.
28 Ngoba yibo laba iNkosi eyabakhetha ezinsukwini zakudala, yathatha njengesabelo sefa layo kuzo zonke izizwe zomhlaba namakhosi omhlaba; futhi ngubani owelulela isandla sakhe kubo ngokungajezi, uNkulunkulu wabo angazange aphindiselelwe kubo?
29 Impela uyazi ukuthi lapho u-Abrahama ehlela eGibhithe, uFaro, inkosi yakuqala yaseGibhithe, wabona uSara umkakhe, wamthatha waba ngumkakhe, ngokuba u-Abrahama wathi: “Ungudadewethu,” ngokuba wayesaba ukuthi amadoda aseGibhithe angambulala ngenxa yomkakhe.
30 Kwathi lapho inkosi yaseGibhithe isimthathile uSara, uNkulunkulu wamshaya yena nendlu yakhe ngezinhlupho ezinzima, waze wambuyisela ku-Abrahama umkakhe uSara, wabe esephulukiswa.
31 U-Abimeleki, inkosi yamaFilisti, uNkulunkulu wamjezisa ngenxa kaSara umka-Abrahama, ngokuvala zonke izibeletho, kusukela kumuntu kuya ezilwaneni.

32 Kwathi uNkulunkulu wabo efika ku-Abimeleki ephusheni ebusuku, wamesabisa ukuba ambuyisele ku-Abrahama uSara ayemthathile; emva kwalokho bonke abantu baseGerari bajeziswa ngenxa kaSara; u-Abrahama wabathandazela kuNkulunkulu wakhe, wancengwa nguye, wabaphulukisa.
33 U-Abimeleki wesaba konke lokhu okubi okwakumehlela yena nabantu bakhe, wabuyela ku-Abrahama umkakhe uSara, wamnika izipho eziningi.
34 Wenza kanjalo naku-Isaka lapho emxosha eGerari, uNkulunkulu wamenzela izinto ezimangalisayo, kangangokuthi yonke imifula yaseGerari yomile, nemithi yayo ethelayo ayithelanga.
35 Kwaze kwaba yilapho u-Abimeleki waseGerari, no-Ahuzati, omunye wabangane bakhe, noPikoli, induna yempi yakhe, beza kuye; bakhothama, bakhothamela phansi phambi kwakhe.
36 Bamcela ukuba abanxusele, wabathandazela eNkosini; uJehova wancengwa nguye, wabaphulukisa.
37 UJakobe, indoda emsulwa, wakhululwa ngobuqotho bakhe esandleni somfowabo u-Esawu, nasesandleni sikaLabani umSiriya, umfowabo kanina, owayefuna ukuphila kwakhe; kanjalo nasesandleni samakhosi onke aseKhanani ayehlangene ukuzombhubhisa yena nabantwana bakhe, uJehova wabakhulula esandleni sabo, baze babaphendukela, babashaya, ngokuba ngubani owake welula isandla sakhe kubo engenacala na?
38 Impela uFaro wokuqala, uyise kayihlo, waphakamisa uJosefa indodana kaJakobe ngaphezu kwazo zonke izikhulu zezwe laseGibhithe, lapho ebona ukuhlakanipha kwakhe, ngoba ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe wasindisa bonke abakhileyo ezweni endlaleni.
39 Ngemva kwalokho wayala uJakobe nabantwana bakhe ukuba behlele eGibhithe, ukuze ngenxa yemfanelo yabo, izwe laseGibhithe nezwe laseGosheni zikhululwe endlaleni.
40 Ngakho-ke uma kukuhle emehlweni akho, yeka ukubabhubhisa abantwana bakwa-Israyeli; kepha uma kungesiyo intando yakho ukuba bahlale eGibithe, bathume lapha, baye ezweni laseKhanani, izwe lapho okhokho babo babegogobele khona.
41 Kwathi uFaro esezwile amazwi kaJetiro, wamthukuthelela kakhulu, wasuka ebusweni benkosi enamahloni, waya ezweni lakubo kwaMidiyani, wathatha induku kaJosefa.
42 Inkosi yathi kuJobe umUzi: “Uthini wena Jobe, futhi uthini ngeseluleko sakho ngamaHebheru?”
43 UJobe wathi enkosini: “Bheka bonke abakhileyo ezweni basesandleni sakho, inkosi mayenze okuhle emehlweni ayo.”
44 Inkosi yathi kuBileyamu: “Uthini, Bhalamu, yisho izwi lakho ukuze sizwe.”
45 UBalami wathi enkosini: “Kukho konke inkosi ekucebisile ngamaHebheru bayakukhululwa, inkosi ayinakubanqoba nganoma yiliphi icebo.”
46 Ngoba uma ucabanga ukubancisha ngomlilo ovuthayo, awukwazi ukubanqoba, ngoba ngokuqinisekile uNkulunkulu wabo wamkhulula u-Abrahama uyise e-Uri lamaKaledi; futhi uma ucabanga ukubabhubhisa ngenkemba, ngokuqinisekile u-Isaka uyise wakhululwa kuyo, futhi kwabekwa inqama esikhundleni sakhe.
47 Futhi uma ucabanga ukubanciphisa ngomsebenzi onzima nonzima, ngeke uphumelele ngisho nakulokhu, ngoba uyise uJakobe wakhonza uLabani kuzo zonke izinhlobo zomsebenzi onzima, futhi wachuma.
48 Ngakho-ke, Nkosi, yizwa amazwi ami, ngoba nansi icebo elicelwe ngokumelene nabo, ozobanqoba ngalo, futhi ongafanele uphambuke kulo.
49 Uma kukuhle inkosi mayiyale bonke abantwana babo abazozalwa kusukela namuhla kuqhubeke, ukuba baphonswe emanzini, ngoba ngalokhu ungasula igama labo, ngoba akekho kubo, noma koyise, owavivinywa ngale ndlela.
50 Inkosi yasizwa amazwi kaBalami, lendaba yathandeka enkosini lezikhulu, inkosi yenza njengelizwi likaBalami.
51 Inkosi yayala ukuba kukhishwe isimemezelo, kwenziwe umthetho ezweni lonke laseGibithe, othi: “Bonke abantwana besilisa abazalwa ngamaHeberu kusukela namuhla mabaphonswe emanzini.”
52 UFaro wabiza zonke izinceku zakhe, wathi: “Hambani niyofuna kulo lonke izwe laseGosheni lapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bekhona, nibone ukuthi bonke abafana abazalwa ngamaHeberu bazophonswa emfuleni, kodwa wonke amadodakazi niwasindise.”
53 Kwathi lapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bezwa le nto uFaro ayeyalile, yokuphonsa abantwana babo besilisa emfuleni, abanye abantu bahlukana nabafazi babo, abanye babanamathela.
54 Kusukela ngalolo suku kuqhubeke, lapho isikhathi sokubeletha sifika kulabo besifazane bakwa-Israyeli ababesele nabayeni babo, baya ensimini ukuyozala lapho, futhi bazala ensimini, bashiya abantwana babo ensimini babuyela emakhaya.
55 Futhi iNkosi eyayifungile kokhokho babo ukuthi izokwandisa, yathumela enye yezingelosi zayo ezikhonzayo ezulwini ukuba igeze umntwana ngamunye ngamanzi, ukuze imgcobe futhi imgubhe futhi ibeke ezandleni zayo amatshe amabili abushelelezi kwelinye lawo eyayimunca ubisi kanye nelinye uju, futhi yenza ukuba uboya bayo bukhule bufike emadolweni ayo, ukuze izimboze ngayo; ukuyiduduza nokunamathela kuyo, ngesihawu sayo ngayo.
56 Kwathi lapho uNkulunkulu ebazwela futhi esefisa ukubandisa ebusweni bomhlaba, wayala umhlabathi wakhe ukuba ubamukele ukuze balondolozwe kuwo kuze kube yisikhathi sokukhula kwabo, okwathi ngemva kwalokho umhlabathi wavula umlomo wawo wabahlanza futhi bahluma edolobheni njengemifino yomhlabathi, notshani behlathi, babuyela ngamunye emndenini wakhe nasendlini kayise, bahlala nabo.
57 Futhi abantwana babantwana bakwa-Israyeli babesemhlabeni njengemifino yasendle, ngomusa kaNkulunkulu kubo.
58 Kwathi bonke abaseGibhithe bekubona lokhu, baphuma, kwaba yilowo nalowo ensimini yakhe nezinkabi zakhe kanye nesigaxa sakhe sekhuba, balilima njengokulima umhlabathi ngesikhathi sokuhlwanyela.
59 Kwathi lapho belima, babengenakulimaza izinsana zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli; ngakho abantu banda, banda kakhulu.
60 UFaro wayala izikhulu zakhe nsuku zonke ukuba ziye eGosheni ukuyofuna izinsana zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

61 Kwathi sebeyifunile bayithola, bayithatha esifubeni sikanina ngenkani, bayiphonsa emfuleni, kodwa umntwana wesifazane bamshiya nonina; benze njalo abaseGibhithe kuma-Israyeli zonke izinsuku.

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1 Kwaba ngaleso sikhathi uMoya kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kukaMiriyamu indodakazi ka-Amramu, udadewabo ka-Aroni, waphuma waprofetha ngendlu, wathi: "Bheka, sizozalelwa indodana kubaba nakumama kulokhu, futhi izosindisa u-Israyeli ezandleni zaseGibhithe."
2 Kwathi u-Amramu ezwa amazwi endodakazi yakhe, wahamba wathatha umkakhe wambuyisela endlini, ngemva kokuba emxoshile ngesikhathi uFaro eyala ngaso ukuba bonke abantwana besilisa bendlu kaJakobe baphonswe emanzini.
3 Ngakho u-Amramu wathatha uJokebedi umkakhe, ngemva kweminyaka emithathu emxoshile, wangena kuye, wakhulelwa.
4 Ekupheleni kwezinyanga eziyisikhombisa kusukela ekukhulelweni kwakhe wazala indodana, futhi indlu yonke yagcwala ukukhanya okukhulu njengokukhanya kwelanga nenyanga ngesikhathi sokukhanya kwazo.
5 Kwathi owesifazane ebona ukuthi umntwana muhle futhi uyathandeka emehlweni akhe, wamfihla izinyanga ezintathu ekamelweni elingaphakathi.
6 Ngalezo zinsuku abaseGibhithe baceba ukubulala wonke amaHebheru lapho.
7 Abesifazane baseGibhithe baya eGosheni lapho kwakukhona abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bathwala abantwana babo emahlombe abo, izinsana zabo ezazingasakwazi ukukhuluma.
8 Ngalezo zinsuku, lapho abesifazane bakwa-Israyeli bebeletha, yilowo nalowo wesifazane wayefihla indodana yakhe phambi kwabaseGibithe, ukuze abaseGibithe bangazi ngokubeletha kwabo, bangabachithi ezweni.
9 Abesifazane baseGibhithe bafika eGosheni, abantwana babo ababengakwazi ukukhuluma bebathwele emahlombe abo, kwathi lapho owesifazane waseGibhithe engena endlini yowesifazane ongumHebheru, ingane yakhe yaqala ukukhala.
10 Kwathi lapho kukhala umntwana owayesekamelweni elingaphakathi, waphendula, abesifazane baseGibhithe baya babika ngakho endlini kaFaro.
11 UFaro wathuma izikhulu zakhe ukuba zithathe abantwana zibabulale; kanjalo abaseGibhithe babesenza kwabesifazane bamaHebheru zonke izinsuku.
12 Kwasekusithi ngaleso sikhathi, cishe izinyanga ezintathu kusukela uJokebedi efihle indodana yakhe, le ndaba yaziwa endlini kaFaro.
13 Owesifazane washesha ukuthatha indodana yakhe ngaphambi kokuba kufike izikhulu, wathatha ibhokisi lemikhomo, walibhaxa ngebitume nangekolitayi, wafaka umntwana kulo, walibeka emahlathini ogwini lomfula.
14 Udadewabo uMiriyamu wema kude ukuze azi ukuthi kuzokwenzekani kuye nokuthi kuzokwenzekani ngamazwi akhe.
15 Ngaleso sikhathi uNkulunkulu wathumela ukushisa okukhulu ezweni laseGibhithe, okwashisa inyama yomuntu njengelanga ekuzungezeni kwalo, kwabacindezela kakhulu abaseGibhithe.
16 Bonke abaseGibhithe behla ukuyogeza emfuleni ngenxa yokushisa okukhulu okwakushisa inyama yabo.
17 UBathiya, indodakazi kaFaro, naye waya ukuyogeza emfuleni, ngenxa yokushisa okukhulu; amantombazana akhe ahamba eceleni komfula, kanye nabo bonke abesifazane baseGibhithe.
18 UBathiya waphakamisa amehlo akhe emfuleni, wabona umphongolo phezu kwamanzi, wathuma incekukazi yakhe ukuwulanda.
19 Wayivula, wabona umntwana, bheka, umntwana wakhala, wamzwela ububele, wathi: "Lo ungomunye wabantwana bamaHebheru."
20 Bonke abesifazane baseGibhithe ababehamba ogwini lomfula babefisa ukumuncelisa, kodwa yena wala ukumuncelisa, ngoba le nto yayivela kuJehova ukuze abuyiselwe esifubeni sikanina.
21 UMiriyamu udadewabo ngaleso sikhathi wayephakathi kwabesifazane baseGibhithe eceleni komfula, wakubona lokhu, wathi endodakazini kaFaro: "Ngingaya yini ukuyolanda umzanyana kwabesifazane bamaHebheru, akuncelisele umntwana?"
22 Indodakazi kaFaro yathi kuye: "Hamba." Yahamba intombi, yabiza unina womntwana.
23 Indodakazi kaFaro yathi kuJokebedi: "Thatha lo mntwana ungincelise, mina ngizokukhokhela inkokhelo yakho, izinhlamvu ezimbili zesiliva ngosuku." Owesifazane wamthatha umntwana, wamncelisa.
24 Kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka emibili, umntwana esekhulile, wamyisa endodakazini kaFaro, waba yindodana yakhe; wayiqamba igama lokuthi uMose, ngokuba wathi: "Ngokuba ngamkhipha emanzini."
25 U-Amramu uyise waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi uKhebari, ngokuba wathi: "Wayehlangene nomkakhe ayemxoshile ngenxa yakhe."
26 UJokebedi unina wamqamba igama lokuthi uJekuthiyeli, ethi: "Ngimthembile kuSomandla, uNkulunkulu wambuyisela kimi."
27 UMiriyamu udadewabo wambiza ngokuthi uJeredi, ngokuba wehlela emva kwakhe emfuleni ukuyobona ukuthi isiphetho sakhe sizoba yini.
28 U-Aroni umfowabo wamqamba igama lokuthi u-Abi Zanuki, ethi: "Ubaba wamshiya umama, wabuyela kuye ngenxa yakhe."
29 UKehati uyise ka-Amramu waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-Abhidori, ngokuba ngenxa yakhe uNkulunkulu walungisa indawo eyayiqhekekile yendlu kaJakobe, kangangokuthi babengasakwazi ukuphonsa abantwana babo besilisa emanzini.
30 Umzanyana wabo wambiza ngokuthi u-Abi Soko, ethi: "Wafihlwa etendeni lakhe izinyanga ezintathu ngenxa yabantwana bakaHamu."
31 Bonke abakwa-Israyeli bambiza ngokuthi uShemaya indodana kaNethaneli, ngokuba bathi: "Ezinsukwini zakhe uNkulunkulu wezwa ukukhala kwabo, wabakhulula kubacindezeli babo."
32 UMose wayesendlwini kaFaro, futhi wayeyindodana kaBathiya, indodakazi kaFaro, futhi uMose wakhulela phakathi kwabantwana benkosi.

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1 Inkosi yakwa-Edomi yafa ngalezo zinsuku, ngonyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wokubusa kwayo, yangcwatshwa ethempelini layo eyayizakhele lona njengendlu yayo yobukhosi ezweni lakwa-Edomi.
2 Abantwana bakwa-Esawu bathumela ePethori elingasemfuleni, balanda khona insizwa enamehlo amahle nebukekayo, egama layo linguSawule, bambeka inkosi esikhundleni sikaSamla.
3 USawule wabusa phezu kwabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu ezweni lakwa-Edomi iminyaka engamashumi amane.
4 Kwathi uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe ebona ukuthi iseluleko sikaBileyamu ayesiluleke ngabantwana bakwa-Israyeli asiphumelelanga, nokuthi basaqhubeka bechuma, banda, banda ezweni lonke laseGibhithe,
5 UFaro wayala ngalezo zinsuku ukuba kumenyezelwe kulo lonke elaseGibhithe kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wathi: “Akukho muntu oyakunciphisa umsebenzi wakhe wemihla ngemihla.”
6 Futhi uma umuntu etholakala entula emsebenzini wakhe wansuku zonke, kungaba ngodaka noma ngezitini, indodana yakhe encane izobekwa esikhundleni sabo.
7 Umsebenzi waseGibhithe waba namandla phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngalezo zinsuku, futhi bheka, uma isitini esisodwa sasingekho emsebenzini womuntu wansuku zonke, abaseGibhithe bathatha indodana yakhe encane kunina ngenkani, bayibeka esakhiweni endaweni yesitini uyise ayesishiye siswele.
8 Amadoda aseGibhithe enza kanjalo kubo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli imihla ngemihla, izinsuku eziningi.
9 Kodwa isizwe sakwaLevi asizange sisebenze nabafowabo bakwa-Israyeli ngaleso sikhathi, kusukela ekuqaleni, ngoba abantwana bakwaLevi babewazi ubuqili babaseGibhithe ababebusebenzisa ekuqaleni kuma-Israyeli.

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1 Ngonyaka wesithathu kusukela ekuzalweni kukaMose, uFaro wayehleli edilini, lapho u-Alparaniti indlovukazi ehlezi ngakwesokunene sakhe noBathiya ngakwesobunxele sakhe, nomfana uMose elele esifubeni sakhe, noBalami indodana kaBeyori namadodana akhe amabili, nazo zonke izikhulu zombuso babehlezi etafuleni phambi kwenkosi.
2 Umfana welula isandla sakhe ekhanda lenkosi, wathatha umqhele ekhanda lenkosi, wawubeka ekhanda layo.
3 Kwathi lapho inkosi nezikhulu bebona umsebenzi owenziwe yilo mfana, inkosi nezikhulu besaba kakhulu, kwathi indoda eyodwa yamangala kumakhelwane wayo.
4 Inkosi yathi ezikhulwini ezaziphambi kwayo etafuleni: “Nithini futhi nithini nina zinduna ngale ndaba, futhi sizoba yini isahlulelo kumfana ngenxa yalesi senzo?”
5 UBalami indodana kaBeyori, isangoma, waphendula phambi kwenkosi nezikhulu, wathi: “Khumbula, nkosi yami, iphupho oliphuphileyo ezinsukwini eziningi, nalokho inceku yakho ekuchazele khona.”
6 Ngakho-ke lo ngumntwana wabantwana bamaHebheru, okukuye umoya kaNkulunkulu; inkosi yami mayingacabangi ukuthi lo mfana wenze lokhu engazi.
7 Ngoba ungumfana ongumHebheru, futhi ukuhlakanipha nokuqonda kukhona kuye, noma esengumntwana, futhi ngokuhlakanipha ukwenzile lokhu, wazikhethela umbuso waseGibhithe.
8 Ngoba lena yindlela yawo wonke amaHebheru yokukhohlisa amakhosi nezikhulu zawo, ukwenza zonke lezi zinto ngobuqili, ukuze amakhosi omhlaba nabantu bawo bethuthumele.
9 Impela uyazi ukuthi u-Abrahama uyise wenza kanjalo, owakhohlisa ibutho likaNimrode inkosi yaseBabele, no-Abimeleki inkosi yaseGerari, nokuthi wazithathela izwe labantwana bakwaHeti nayo yonke imibuso yaseKhanani.
10 Futhi ukuthi wehlela eGibhithe wathi ngoSara umkakhe, ungudadewethu, ukuze adukise iGibhithe nenkosi yalo.
11 Nendodana yakhe u-Isaka yenza kanjalo lapho eya eGerari, wahlala khona; amandla akhe aba namandla phezu kwempi ka-Abimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti.
12 Wacabanga nokwenza umbuso wamaFilisti ukhubeke, ngokuthi uRebheka umkakhe wayengudadewabo.
13 UJakobe wakhohlisa umfowabo, wathatha ilungelo lakhe lobuzibulo nesibusiso sakhe esandleni sakhe.
14 Wasesiya ePhadani-Aramu endlini kaLabani umfowabo kanina, wathatha kuye ngobuqili indodakazi yakhe, izinkomo zakhe, nakho konke okwakungokwakhe, wabaleka wabuyela ezweni laseKhanani kuyise.
15 Amadodana akhe athengisa umfowabo uJosefa, wehlela eGibhithe waba yisigqila, waboshwa iminyaka eyishumi nambili.
16 Kwaze kwaba yilapho uFaro wangaphambili ephupha amaphupho, wamkhipha etilongweni, wamphakamisa ngaphezu kwazo zonke izikhulu zaseGibhithe ngenxa yokumchazela amaphupho akhe.
17 Kwathi lapho uNkulunkulu ebangela indlala ezweni lonke, wathumela ukuba kuthathwe uyise nabo bonke abafowabo, nayo yonke indlu kayise, wabanakekela ngaphandle kwentengo noma umvuzo, wathenga abaseGibhithe njengezigqila.
18 Ngakho-ke nkosi yami nkosi bheka lo mntwana uvukile esikhundleni sabo eGibhithe, ukuze enze ngokwezenzo zabo futhi adlale ngawo wonke amakhosi, izikhulu nabahluleli.
19 Uma kukuhle enkosini, masichithe igazi lakhe emhlabathini, funa akhule asuse umbuso esandleni sakho, ithemba laseGibhithe liphele esebuse.
20 UBileyamu wathi enkosini: “Masibize bonke abahluleli baseGibhithe nabahlakaniphileyo balo, sazise ukuthi lo mfana ufanelwe yini yicala lokufa njengoba ushilo, bese simbulala.”
21 UFaro wathumela wabiza bonke abahlakaniphileyo baseGibhithe, beza phambi kwenkosi; ingelosi kaJehova yafika phakathi kwabo, waba njengomunye wabahlakaniphileyo baseGibhithe.
22 Inkosi yathi kwabahlakaniphileyo: “Impela nizwile ukuthi lo mfana ongumHebheru osendlini wenzeni, futhi uBileyamu wahlulele ngale ndaba.”
23 Manje yahlulelani nani futhi nibone ukuthi yini okufanele umfana ayithole ngesenzo asenzile.
24 Ingelosi eyayifana nenye yezihlakaniphi zikaFaro yaphendula yathi, phambi kwabo bonke abahlakaniphileyo baseGibhithe naphambi kwenkosi nezikhulu:

25 Uma kukuhle enkosini, inkosi mayithumele amadoda alethe itshe le-onikisi phambi kwayo kanye nelahle lomlilo, akubeke phambi komntwana, futhi uma umntwana eselula isandla sakhe athathe itshe le-onikisi, khona-ke sizokwazi ukuthi umfana wenze konke akwenzile ngokuhlakanipha, futhi kumelwe simbulale.
26 Kodwa uma eselula isandla sakhe phezu kwelahle, khona-ke siyokwazi ukuthi kwakungengenxa yokwazi ukuthi wenze lokhu, futhi uzophila.
27 Le nto yabonakala ilungile emehlweni enkosi nasezikhulwini, inkosi yenza njengezwi lengelosi kaJehova.
28 Inkosi yayala ukuba kulethwe itshe le-onikisi namalahle, kubekwe phambi kukaMose.
29 Base bebeka umfana phambi kwabo, umfana wazama ukwelula isandla sakhe etsheni le-onikisi, kodwa ingelosi yeNkosi yathatha isandla sakhe yasibeka phezu kwelahle, ilahle lacima esandleni sakhe, waliphakamisa walifaka emlonyeni wakhe, washisa ingxenye yezindebe zakhe nengxenye yolimi lwakhe, waba nzima emlonyeni naselulwimini.
30 Kwathi lapho inkosi nezikhulu bebona lokhu, bazi ukuthi uMose wayengenzi ngokuhlakanipha ngokususa umqhele ekhanda lenkosi.
31 Ngakho inkosi nezikhulu bayeka ukubulala umntwana, ngakho uMose wahlala endlini kaFaro, ekhula, futhi uJehova wayenaye.
32 Ngesikhathi umfana esesendlini yenkosi, wayegqoke okunsomi futhi wakhula phakathi kwabantwana benkosi.
33 Kwathi uMose esekhulele endlini yenkosi, uBathiya indodakazi kaFaro wambheka njengendodana, futhi yonke indlu kaFaro yayimhlonipha, futhi wonke amadoda aseGibhithe ayemesaba.
34 Waphuma imihla ngemihla, wafika ezweni laseGosheni, lapho kwakukhona abafowabo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli; uMose wababona imihla ngemihla bephelelwa umoya futhi besebenza kanzima.
35 UMose wababuza wathi: “Kungani ninikwa lo msebenzi imihla ngemihla na?”
36 Bamtshela konke okwabehlele, nayo yonke imiyalo uFaro ayebanike yona ngaphambi kokuzalwa kwakhe.
37 Bamtshela zonke iziluleko uBileyamu indodana kaBeyori ayezicebise ngabo, nalokho ayekucebise ngaye ukuze ambulale lapho esusa umqhele wenkosi ekhanda lakhe.
38 Lapho uMose ezwa lezi zinto, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha kuBalami, wafuna ukumbulala, wamqamekela imihla ngemihla.
39 UBalami wayemesaba uMose, yena namadodana akhe amabili basukuma baphuma eGibhithe, babaleka basindisa imiphefumulo yabo, bahamba baya ezweni laseKushe kuKikianus, inkosi yaseKushe.
40 UMose wayesesendlini yenkosi, ephuma ebuya, uJehova wamnika umusa emehlweni kaFaro, naphambi kwezinceku zakhe zonke, naphambi kwabo bonke abantu baseGibithe; bamthanda kakhulu uMose.
41 Kwathi ngosuku uMose aya ngalo eGosheni ukuyobona abafowabo, wabona abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bethwele imithwalo yabo nomsebenzi onzima, uMose waba lusizi ngenxa yabo.
42 UMose wabuyela eGibhithe, wafika endlini kaFaro, wafika phambi kwenkosi; uMose wakhothama phambi kwenkosi.
43 UMose wathi kuFaro: “Ngiyakuncenga nkosi yami, ngize ukuzocela isicelo esincane kuwe; ungangibuyisi ubuso bami buze.” UFaro wathi kuye: “Khuluma.”
44 UMose wathi kuFaro: “Mabanikwe izinceku zakho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abaseGosheni usuku olulodwa ukuba baphumule kulo emisebenzini yabo.”
45 Inkosi yaphendula uMose, yathi: “Bheka, ngiphakamisele ubuso bakho kule nto ukuba ngikunike okucelileyo.”
46 UFaro wayala ukuba kumenyezelwe kulo lonke elaseGibhithe naseGosheni, ethi:
47 Itsho njalo inkosi kini, lonke bantwana bakoIsrayeli, ithi: Yenzani umsebenzi wenu lemisebenzi yenu izinsuku eziyisithupha, kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa lizaphumula, lingawenzi umsebenzi, lizakwenza njalo zonke izinsuku, njengoba inkosi loMozisi indodana kaBathiya bebayalile.
48 UMose wajabula ngalokho inkosi eyayimnike khona; bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza njengalokho uMose ayebayalile.
49 Ngoba le nto yayivela kuJehova kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ngoba uJehova wayeseqalile ukubakhumbula abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuze abasindise ngenxa yoyise.
50 UJehova wayenaye uMose, udumo lwakhe lwasakazeka kulo lonke elaseGibhithe.
51 UMose waba mkhulu emehlweni abo bonke abaseGibithe nasemehlweni abo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, efunela abantu bakhe u-Israyeli okuhle, ekhuluma amazwi okuthula ngabo enkosini.

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1 Kwathi uMose eneminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili ubudala, wafisa ukubona uyise nonina, waya kubo eGosheni, kwathi lapho uMose esesondele eGosheni, wafika endaweni lapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babesebenza khona, wabuka imithwalo yabo, wabona umGibhithe eshaya omunye wabafowabo abangamaHebheru.
2 Kwathi lapho indoda eyayishaywe ibona uMose, yagijimela kuye ukuze icele usizo, ngoba indoda uMose wayehlonishwa kakhulu endlini kaFaro, yathi kuye: “Nkosi yami, ngilalele, lo mGibhithe ufike endlini yami ebusuku, wangibopha, weza kumkami phambi kwami, manje usefuna ukungibulala.”
3 Kwathi uMose ezwa le nto embi, intukuthelo yakhe yamvuthela umGibhithe, waphendukela ngapha nangapha; esebona ukuthi akukho muntu lapho, wambulala umGibhithe, wamfihla esihlabathini, wamsindisa umHebheru esandleni salowo owamshayayo.
4 UmHebheru waya endlini yakhe, noMose wabuyela ekhaya lakhe, waphuma wabuyela endlini yenkosi.
5 Kwathi indoda isibuyele ekhaya, yacabanga ukulahla umkayo, ngoba kwakungekuhle endlini kaJakobe ukuthi noma ngubani angene kumkayo ngemva kokuba engcolile.
6 Owesifazane wahamba wayotshela abafowabo, abafowabo bowesifazane bafuna ukumbulala, wabaleka waya endlini yakhe wabaleka.

7 Ngosuku lwesibili uMose waphuma waya kubafowabo, wabona, bheka amadoda amabili exabana, wathi komubi: “Umshayelani umakhelwane wakho na?”
8 Waphendula wathi kuye: “Ngubani okumise ukuba ube yisikhulu nomahluleli phezu kwethu? Ucabanga ukungibulala njengalokho ubulele umGibhithe na?” UMose wesaba, wathi: “Impela le nto iyaziwa na?”
9 UFaro wezwa ngale ndaba, wayala ukuba uMose abulawe, ngakho uNkulunkulu wathumela ingelosi yakhe, wabonakala kuFaro efana nenduna yabalindi.
10 Ingelosi kaJehova yathatha inkemba esandleni senduna yabalindi, yasusa ikhanda layo, ngokuba isimo senduna yabalindi saphenduka saba isimo sikaMose.
11 Ingelosi kaJehova yabamba isandla sokunene sikaMose, yamkhipha eGibithe, yammisa ngaphandle kwemingcele yaseGibithe, ibanga lezinsuku ezingamashumi amane.
12 U-Aroni umfowabo wasala yedwa ezweni laseGibhithe, waprofetha kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wathi:
13 Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo: Lahlani, ngulowo lalowo, izinto ezinengekayo emehlweni akhe, lingazingcolisi ngezithombe zaseGibhithe.
14 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahlubuka, abamlalelanga u-Aroni ngaleso sikhathi.
15 UJehova wacabanga ukubabhubhisa, uma uJehova engakhumbulanga isivumelwano sakhe no-Abrahama, no-Isaka, noJakobe.
16 Ngalezo zinsuku isandla sikaFaro saqhubeka sinzima phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wabachoboza, wabacindezela kwaze kwaba yisikhathi lapho uNkulunkulu ethumela izwi lakhe futhi wabanaka.

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1 Kwathi ngalezo zinsuku kwaba khona impi enkulu phakathi kwabantwana bakwaKushe nabasempumalanga nama-Aramu, bahlubuka enkosini yaseKushe ababesezandleni zayo.
2 Ngakho uKikianus inkosi yaseKushe waphuma nabo bonke abantwana baseKushe, abantu abaningi njengesihlabathi, wahamba wayokulwa ne-Aramu nabantwana basempumalanga, ukuze abathobise.
3 Kwathi lapho uKikianus ephuma, washiya uBalami umthakathi, namadodana akhe amabili, ukuba baqaphe umuzi, kanye nabantu abaphansi kakhulu bezwe.
4 Ngakho uKikianus waphuma waya e-Aramu nakubantu basempumalanga, walwa nabo wabashaya, bonke bawa phansi belimele phambi kukaKikianus nabantu bakhe.
5 Wathumba abaningi kubo, wabathobisa njengakuqala, wamisa amatende ezweni labo ukuze athathe intela kubo njengenjwayelo.
6 UBalami indodana kaBeyori, lapho inkosi yaseKushe imshiye ukuba aqaphe umuzi kanye nabampofu bomuzi, wasukuma wacebisana nabantu bezwe ukuba bavukele inkosi uKikianus, bangamvumeli ukuba angene emzini lapho ebuya ekhaya.
7 Abantu bezwe bamlalela, bafunga kuye, bambeka inkosi phezu kwabo, namadodana akhe amabili abe yizinduna zempi.
8 Ngakho basukuma baphakamisa izindonga zomuzi emagumbini amabili, bakha isakhiwo esiqine kakhulu.
9 Ekhoneni lesithathu bagubha imisele engenakubalwa, phakathi komuzi nomfula owawuzungeze lonke izwe laseKushe, benza amanzi omfula aqhuma lapho.
10 Ekhoneni lesine baqoqa izinyoka eziningi ngemilingo yabo nangemilingo, baqinisa umuzi bahlala kuwo, futhi akukho muntu owaphuma noma owangena phambi kwabo.
11 UKikianus walwa ne-Aramu kanye nabantu basempumalanga, wabanqoba njengakuqala, bamnika intela yabo evamile, wahamba wabuyela ezweni lakhe.
12 Kwathi lapho uKikianus inkosi yaseKushe esondela emzini wakhe kanye nazo zonke izinduna zamabutho ezazinaye, baphakamisa amehlo abo babona ukuthi izindonga zomuzi zazakhiwe kabusha futhi ziphakeme kakhulu, ngakho amadoda amangala ngalokhu.
13 Bathi omunye komunye: “Kungenxa yokuthi babone ukuthi silibele empini, base besaba kakhulu ngathi, ngalokho benze lokhu, baphakamisa izindonga zomuzi, baziqinisa ukuze amakhosi aseKhanani angafiki empini.”
14 Ngakho inkosi namabutho basondela emnyango womuzi, babheka phezulu, bheka, wonke amasango omuzi ayevaliwe, bamemeza abalindi, bathi: “Sivuleleni, ukuze singene emzini.”
15 Kodwa abalindi benqaba ukubavulela ngomyalo kaBalami umthakathi, inkosi yabo, babavumela ukuba bangangeni emzini wabo.
16 Ngakho baqala impi nabo phambi kwesango lomuzi, kwathi amadoda ayikhulu namashumi amathathu empi eKikianus abulawa ngalolo suku.
17 Ngosuku olulandelayo baqhubeka nokulwa futhi balwa eceleni komfula; bazama ukudlula kodwa abakwazanga, ngakho abanye babo bacwila emigodini bafa.
18 Ngakho inkosi yabayala ukuba bagawule imithi ukuze benze izihlenga, lapho babengadlula khona baye kubo, futhi benza kanjalo.
19 Kwathi lapho befika endaweni yemisele, amanzi aphenduka ngezigayo, futhi amadoda angamakhulu amabili ngezikebhe eziyishumi aminza.
20 Ngosuku lwesithathu beza bezolwa eceleni lapho kwakukhona khona izinyoka, kodwa abakwazanga ukusondela lapho, ngoba izinyoka zabulala amadoda ayikhulu namashumi ayisikhombisa kuzo, futhi zayeka ukulwa neKushe, futhi zavimbezela iKushe iminyaka eyisishiyagalolunye, akukho muntu owaphumayo noma owangena.
21 Ngaleso sikhathi lapho impi nokuvinjezelwa kwakubhekene noKushe, uMose wabaleka eGibhithe ngenxa kaFaro owayefuna ukumbulala ngokubulala umGibhithe.
22 UMose wayeneminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili ubudala lapho ebaleka eGibhithe ebusweni bukaFaro, wabaleka wabalekela ekamu likaKikianus, ngaleso sikhathi elalivimbezele iKushe.
23 UMose wayesekamu likaKikianus inkosi yaseKushe iminyaka eyisishiyagalolunye, sonke isikhathi ababevimbezela ngaso iKushe, uMose waphuma wangena nabo.
24 Inkosi nezikhulu kanye nawo wonke amadoda empi bamthanda uMose, ngoba wayemkhulu futhi efanelekile, ubude bakhe babunjengengonyama ehloniphekile, ubuso bakhe babunjengelanga, namandla akhe ayenjengawengonyama, futhi wayengumeluleki wenkosi.

25 Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisishiyagalolunye, uKikianus wabanjwa yisifo esibulalayo, futhi ukugula kwakhe kwamnqoba, washona ngosuku lwesikhombisa.
26 Ngakho izinceku zakhe zamgqumisa ngemithi, zamthwala, zamngcwaba phambi kwesango lomuzi enyakatho yezwe laseGibhithe.
27 Bakha phezu kwakhe isakhiwo esihle nesiqinile nesiphakeme, babeka amatshe amakhulu ngaphansi.
28 Ababhali benkosi baqopha kulawo matshe wonke amandla enkosi yabo uKikianus, nazo zonke izimpi zakhe ayezilwile, bheka zilotshiwe lapho namuhla.
29 Manje ngemva kokufa kukaKikianus inkosi yaseKushe kwaba lusizi kakhulu amadoda akhe namabutho akhe ngenxa yempi.
30 Base bethi omunye komunye: “Sitsheleni ukuthi sizokwenzenjani ngalesi sikhathi, njengoba sesihlale ehlane iminyaka eyisishiyagalolunye kude nemizi yethu.”
31 Uma sithi sizolwa nomuzi, abaningi bethu bazowa belimele noma babulawe, futhi uma sihlala lapha ekuvinjezelweni nathi sizokufa.
32 Ngoba manje wonke amakhosi ase-Aramu kanye namakhosi asempumalanga azozwa ukuthi inkosi yethu ifile, futhi azosihlasela ngokuzumayo ngendlela yobudlova, alwe nathi futhi angashiyi nsali kithi.
33 Ngakho-ke masihambe siyobeka inkosi phezu kwethu, sihlale ekuvinjezelweni umuzi uze unikelwe kithi.
34 Futhi babefisa ukukhetha ngalolo suku indoda ibe yinkosi ebuthweni likaKikianus, futhi abatholanga lutho abaluthandayo njengoMose ukuba abuse phezu kwabo.
35 Bashesha bakhumula, kwaba yilowo nalowo izingubo zakhe, bazilahla phansi, benza inqwaba enkulu, bambeka uMose phezu kwayo.
36 Basukuma bashaya amacilongo, bamemeza phambi kwakhe, bathi: “Makaphile nkosi, makaphile nkosi!”
37 Bonke abantu nezikhulu bafunga kuye ukuthi bazomnika u-Adoniya indlovukazi, umKushe, umkaKikianus, abe ngumkakhe, futhi bamisa uMose ukuba abe yinkosi phezu kwabo ngalolo suku.
38 Bonke abantu baseKushe bakhipha isimemezelo ngalolo suku, bathi: “Yilowo nalowo makanike uMose okuthile kulokho anakho.”
39 Base bendlala indwangu phezu kwenqwaba, futhi yilowo nalowo waphonsa kuyo okuthile kwalokho ayenakho, omunye indandatho yegolide nomunye uhlamvu lwemali.
40 Abantwana bakwaKushe baphonsa kuMose amatshe e-onikisi, ne-bedola, namaparele, namatshe ethusi phezu kwenqwaba, kanye nesiliva negolide elininginі kakhulu.
41 UMose wathatha lonke isiliva negolide, zonke izitsha, namatshe ebhedola namatshe e-onikse ayemnike wona bonke abantwana bakwaKushe, wakubeka engcebweni yakhe.
42 UMose wabusa phezu kwabantwana bakwaKushe ngalolo suku, esikhundleni sikaKikianus inkosi yaseKushe.

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1 Ngomnyaka wamashumi ayisihlanu nanhlanu wokubusa kukaFaro inkosi yaseGibithe, okungukuthi ngonyaka wekhulu namashumi ayisihlanu nesikhombisa wehla kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli baya eGibithe, uMose wabusa eKushe.
2 UMose wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nesikhombisa lapho eqala ukubusa phezu kweKushe, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane.
3 UJehova wamnika uMose umusa nomusa emehlweni abo bonke abantwana bakwaKushe, abantwana bakwaKushe bamthanda kakhulu, ngakho uMose wathandwa yiNkosi nabantu.
4 Kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa lokubusa kwakhe, bonke abantwana bakwaKushe babuthana, beza phambi kukaMose, bamkhothamela phansi.
5 Bonke abantwana bakhuluma ndawonye phambi kwenkosi, bathi: “Sinike iseluleko ukuze sibone ukuthi kuzokwenziwani kulo muzi.”
6 Sekuyiminyaka eyisishiyagalolunye siwuvimbezele umuzi, asibonanga abantwana bethu nomkathu.
7 Inkosi yabaphendula yathi: “Uma nilalela izwi lami kukho konke enginiyala ngakho, uJehova uyakuwunikela umuzi esandleni sethu, siwunqobe.”
8 Ngoba uma silwa nabo njengasempini yangaphambilini esasinayo nabo ngaphambi kokufa kukaKikianus, abaningi bethu bazowa phansi belimele njengakuqala.
9 Ngakho-ke bhekani, nansi iseluleko senu kule ndaba; uma nilalela izwi lami, umuzi uzonikelwa ezandleni zethu.
10 Bonke amabutho baphendula inkosi, bathi: “Konke inkosi yethu eyakuyala ngakho siyakukwenza.”
11 UMose wathi kubo: “Dabulani, nimemezele izwi ekamu lonke kubantu bonke, nithi:
12 Itsho njalo inkosi: Hambani liye ehlathini lilethe amanye amaphuphu enyoni, ngalinye libe lephuphu esandleni salo.
13 Noma ngubani oweqa izwi lenkosi, ongalethi ingane yakhe, uyakufa, inkosi ithathe konke okungokwakhe.
14 Futhi uma uziletha zizoba sezandleni zakho, uzondle zize zikhule, futhi uzozifundisa ukuzulazula, njengoba kunjalo ngamathole oklebe.
15 Bonke abantwana bakwaKushe bezwa amazwi kaMose, basukuma, bamemezela ekamu lonke, bathi:
16 Inkosi ithi kini nonke bantwana baseKushe, hambani nonke niye ehlathini, nibambe khona izinkonjane ezincane, yilowo nalowo abambe ithole lakhe esandleni sakhe, nizilethe ekhaya.
17 Noma ngubani owephula umyalo wenkosi uyakufa, inkosi ithathe konke okungokwakhe.
18 Bonke abantu benza kanjalo, baphuma baya ehlathini bakhwela emithini yemisayipuresi babamba, yilowo nalowo ithole elincane esandleni sakhe, wonke amathole ezinkalankala, bawayisa ehlane bawakhulisa ngomyalo wenkosi, futhi bawafundisa ukugibela phezu kwawo, njengoklebe abancane.
19 Kwathi ngemva kokuba izinkonjane ezincane sezikhuliswe, inkosi yayala ukuba zilambe izinsuku ezintathu, bonke abantu bakwenza lokho.
20 Ngosuku lwesithathu, inkosi yathi kubo, Ziqiniseni nibe ngamadoda anesibindi, nigqoke yilowo nalowo izikhali zakhe, nibhince inkemba yakhe phezu kwakhe, nigibele yilowo nalowo ihhashi lakhe, niphathe yilowo nalowo ihhashi lakhe elincane ngesandla sakhe.

21 Futhi sizovuka silwe nomuzi endaweni lapho kukhona khona izinyoka; bonke abantu benza njengoba inkosi yayiyalile.
22 Bathatha yilowo nalowo ithole lakhe esandleni sakhe, bahamba, kwathi lapho befika endaweni yezinyoka inkosi yathi kubo, "Thumelani yilowo nalowo ithole lakhe lenogolantethe ezinyoka."
23 Bathumela yilowo nalowo unogolantethe wakhe omncane ngomyalo wenkosi, futhi unogolantethe omncane wagijimela ezinyoka futhi wazidla zonke futhi wazibhubhisa kuleyo ndawo.
24 Kwathi lapho inkosi nabantu sebebonile ukuthi zonke izinyoka zibhujisiwe kuleyo ndawo, bonke abantu bamemeza kakhulu.
25 Basondela balwa nomuzi, bawuthatha, bawunqoba, bangena emzini.
26 Kwafa ngalolo suku abantu abayinkulungwane nekhulu bomuzi, bonke ababehlala emzini, kodwa akwafanga noyedwa kubantu ababevimbezele.
27 Ngakho bonke abantwana bakwaKushe bahamba, kwaba yilowo nalowo waya emzini wakhe, kumkakhe, nakubantwana bakhe, nakubo bonke ababengabakhe.
28 UBhalami, isangoma, ebona ukuthi umuzi uthunjiwe, wavula isango, yena namadodana akhe amabili nabafowabo abayisishiyagalombili babaleka, babuyela eGibhithe kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe.
29 Bangabathakathi nabathakathi okukhulunywa ngabo encwadini yomthetho, bemelene noMose lapho uJehova eletha izinhlupho eGibhithe.
30 Ngakho uMose wawuthatha umuzi ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, futhi abantwana bakwaKushe bambeka esihlalweni sobukhosi esikhundleni sikaKikianus inkosi yaseKushe.
31 Bamthwesa umqhele wobukhosi ekhanda, bamnika u-Adoniya indlovukazi yaseKushe, umkaKikianus, ukuba abe ngumkakhe.
32 UMose wayemesaba uJehova uNkulunkulu wawoyise, akasondelanga kuye, futhi akaphendukelanga kuye amehlo akhe.
33 Ngoba uMose wakhumbula ukuthi u-Abrahama wayefungise inceku yakhe u-Eliyezeri, ethi kuye: "Awuyikuthatha owesifazane emadodakazini aseKhanani, uyithathele indodana yami u-Isaka."
34 Futhi lokho u-Isaka akwenza lapho uJakobe ebalekela umfowabo, lapho emyala, ethi: "Awuyikuthatha umfazi emadodakazini aseKhanani, ungabi nobudlelwano nanoma yimuphi wabantwana bakaHamu."
35 Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu wanika uHamu indodana kaNowa, nabantwana bakhe nayo yonke inzalo yakhe, njengezigqila kubantwana bakaShemi nakubantwana bakaJafete, nasenzalo yabo ngemva kwabo ukuba ibe yizigqila, kuze kube phakade.
36 Ngakho-ke uMose akaphendulanga inhliziyo yakhe namehlo akhe kumkaKikianus zonke izinsuku abusa ngazo uKushe.
37 UMose wayemesaba uJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe konke ukuphila kwakhe; uMose wahamba phambi kukaJehova ngeqiniso, ngayo yonke inhliziyo yakhe nangomphefumulo wakhe; akaphambukanga endleleni efanele zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakhe; akaphambukanga endleleni ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo, abahamba ngayo u-Abrahama, no-Isaka noJakobe.
38 UMose waziqinisa embusweni wabantwana bakwaKushe, wahola abantwana bakwaKushe ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe okuvamile, uMose waphumelela embusweni wakhe.
39 Ngaleso sikhathi i-Aramu nabantu basempumalanga bezwa ukuthi inkosi yaseKushe uKikianus ifile, ngakho i-Aramu nabantu basempumalanga bahlubuka kuKushe ngalezo zinsuku.
40 UMose wabutha bonke abantwana bakwaKushe, abantu abanamandla kakhulu, kungathi amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu, waphuma ukuyolwa nama-Aramu nabantwana basempumalanga.
41 Baqala baya kubantu basempumalanga, kwathi lapho abantu basempumalanga bezwa umbiko wabo, bahamba bayohlangana nabo, balwa nabo.
42 Impi yayinzima kakhulu phakathi kwabantwana basempumalanga, uJehova wabanikela bonke abantwana basempumalanga esandleni sikaMose; kwawa abantu abangamakhulu amathathu bebulewe.
43 Bonke abantu basempumalanga baphenduka, babuyela emuva; uMose nabantwana bakwaKushe babalandela, babanqoba, babathelisa intela, njengomkhuba wabo.
44 UMose nabo bonke abantu ababenaye basuka lapho, baya ezweni lase-Aramu ukuyokulwa.
45 Abantu base-Aramu nabo baphuma ukubahlangabeza, balwa nabo; uJehova wabanikela esandleni sikaMose; abaningi bamadoda ase-Aramu bawa belimele.
46 Ama-Aramu nawo anqotshwa nguMose nabantu baseKushe, futhi akhipha intela yawo evamile.
47 UMose waletha ama-Aramu nabantwana basempumalanga ngaphansi kwabantwana bakwaKushe; uMose nabo bonke abantu ababenaye babuyela ezweni laseKushe.
48 UMose waziqinisa embusweni wabantwana bakwaKushe, uJehova wayenaye, nabo bonke abantwana bakwaKushe babemesaba.

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1 Ngasekupheleni kweminyaka uSawule inkosi yakwa-Edomi wafa; uBali Hanani indodana ka-Akibori waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
2 Ngomnyaka weshumi nesithupha wokubusa kukaMose phezu kukaKushe, uBali Hanani indodana ka-Akibori wabusa ezweni lakwa-Edomi phezu kwabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Edomi iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili.
3 Ezinsukwini zakhe uMowabi wahlubuka esandleni sika-Edomi, owayesebusweni buka-Edomi kusukela ezinsukwini zikaHadadi indodana kaBedadi, owabanqoba kanye noMidiyani, wabeka uMowabi ngaphansi kuka-Edomi.
4 Kwathi uBali Hanani indodana ka-Akhibori ebusa phezu kuka-Edomi, bonke abantwana bakwaMowabi basuka ekulandeleni u-Edomi.
5 U-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika wafa ngalezo zinsuku, indodana yakhe u-Azdrubal yabusa esikhundleni sakhe.
6 Ngalezo zinsuku uJaneya inkosi yabantwana baseKitimi wafa, bamngcwaba ethempelini lakhe ayezakhele lona

ethafeni laseCanopia ukuze abe yindlu yokuhlala, kwathi uLatinus wabusa esikhundleni sakhe.
7 Ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nambili wokubusa kukaMose phezu kwabantwana bakwaKushe, uLatinu wabusa phezu kwabantwana bakwaKitimi iminyaka engamashumi amane nanhlanu.
8 Wazakhela nombhoshongo omkhulu nonamandla, wakha kuwo ithempeli elihle kakhulu lokuhlala kwakhe, ukuze aphathe umbuso wakhe, njengoba kwakunjalo.
9 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe wamemezela kubo bonke abahlakaniphileyo bakhe, abamenzela imikhumbi emininginingi.
10 ULatinus waqoqa wonke amabutho akhe, bafika ngemikhumbi, bangena kuyo ukuyolwa no-Azdrubal indodana ka-Angeas inkosi yase-Afrika, bafika e-Afrika balwa no-Azdrubal nebutho lakhe.
11 ULatinus wanqoba u-Azdrubal, uLatinus wathatha ku-Azdrubal umsele wamanzi uyise ayewulethe kubantwana baseKitimi, lapho ethatha uJaniya indodakazi ka-Uzi ukuba abe ngumkakhe, ngakho uLatinus wagumbuqela ibhuloho lomsele wamanzi, washaya lonke ibutho lase-Azdrubal ngokushaya okukhulu.
12 Amadoda anamandla ase-Azdrubal ayeseqinile, izinhliziyo zawo zagcwala umona, afuna ukufa, aphinde alwa nenkosi yaseKitimi, uLatinus.
13 Futhi impi yayinzima kuwo wonke amadoda ase-Afrika, futhi wonke awela elimele phambi kukaLatinus nabantu bakhe, kanti no-Azdrubal inkosi naye wawa kuleyo mpi.
14 Inkosi u-Azdrubal yayinendodakazi enhle kakhulu, egama layo lingu-Ushpezena, futhi bonke abantu base-Afrika babemhlobisa ngezingubo zabo, ngenxa yobuhle bakhe obukhulu nokubukeka kwakhe okuhle.
15 Amadoda aseLatinus abona u-Ushpezena, indodakazi ka-Azdrubal, amdumisa kuLatinus inkosi yawo.
16 ULatinusi wayala ukuba alethwe kuye, uLatinusi wathatha u-Ushpezena waba ngumkakhe, wabuyela eKitimi.
17 Kwakungemva kokufa kuka-Azdrubal indodana ka-Angeas, lapho uLatinus esebuyele ezweni lakhe evela empini, lapho bonke abantu base-Afrika basukuma bathatha u-Anibal indodana ka-Angeas, umfowabo omncane ka-Azdrubal, bamenza inkosi esikhundleni somfowabo phezu kwezwe lonke e-Afrika.
18 Kwathi esebusa, wanquma ukuya eKitimi ukuyolwa nabantwana baseKitimi, ukuyophindiselela udaba luka-Azdrubal umfowabo, kanye nodaba lwabantu base-Afrika, futhi wenza kanjalo.
19 Wenza imikhumbi emininginingi, wafika khona nempi yakhe yonke, waya eKitimi.
20 Ngakho u-Anibali walwa nabantwana baseKitimi, abantwana baseKitimi bawa belimele phambi kuka-Anibali nebutho lakhe, u-Anibali waphindisela udaba lomfowabo.
21 U-Anibali waqhubeka nempi iminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili nabantwana baseKitimi, u-Anibali wahlala ezweni laseKitimi, wahlala lapho isikhathi eside.
22 U-Anibali wabulala abantwana baseKitimi kakhulu, wabulala amadoda amakhulu nezikhulu zabo, kwathi kwabanye abantu wabulala amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalombili.
23 Ekupheleni kwezinsuku neminyaka, u-Anibal wabuyela ezweni lakubo lase-Afrika, wabusa ngokuphepha esikhundleni sika-Azdrubal umfowabo.

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1 Ngaleso sikhathi, ngonyaka wekhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili wehla kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli baya eGibithe, kwaphuma eGibithe amadoda anamandla, ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu ngezinyawo, evela kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bonke abesizwe sakwaJosefa, kubantwana bakwa-Efrayimi indodana kaJosefa.
2 Ngoba bathi isikhathi uJehova ayesimisele abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezikhathini zakudala saphela, esasikhulume no-Abrahama.
3 Laba bantu babhinca, bafaka inkemba yabo ohlangothini lwabo, kwaba yilowo nalowo izikhali zakhe phezu kwakhe, bathembela emandleni abo, baphuma eGibhithe ngesandla esinamandla.
4 Kodwa abazange baphathe mpahla yendlela, isiliva negolide kuphela, ngisho nesinkwa salolo suku abazange basiphathe ngezandla zabo, ngoba babecabanga ukuthola umphako wabo wenkokhelo kumaFilisti, uma kungenjalo babezowuthatha ngenkani.
5 La madoda ayenamandla kakhulu futhi enesibindi, indoda eyodwa yayingaxosha inkulungwane kanti ababili babengaxosha izinkulungwane eziyishumi, ngakho bathembela emandleni abo futhi bahamba ndawonye njengoba babenjalo.
6 Baqondisa indlela yabo baya ezweni laseGati, behla bathola abelusi baseGati beluse izinkomo zabantwana baseGati.
7 Base bethi kubelusi: “Sipheni ezinye izimvu ukuze sidle, ngoba silambile, ngoba asidlanga sinkwa namuhla.”
8 Abelusi bathi: “Ingabe ziyizimvu zethu noma izinkomo zethu ukuze sikunike zona ngenkokhelo?” Ngakho abantwana bakwa-Efrayimi basondela ukuze bazithathe ngenkani.
9 Abelusi baseGati bamemeza phezu kwabo, ukukhala kwabo kwezwakala kude; bonke abantwana baseGati baphuma baya kubo.
10 Kwathi lapho abantwana bakwaGati bebona ububi babantwana bakwa-Efrayimi, babuya, babutha amadoda aseGati, babhinca, kwaba yilowo nalowo izikhali zakhe, baphuma baya kubantwana bakwa-Efrayimi ukuyolwa.
11 Balwa nabo esigodini saseGati, impi yaba nzima, babulalana abaningi ngalolo suku.
12 Ngosuku lwesibili abantwana baseGati bathumela kuyo yonke imizi yamaFilisti ukuba ize kubasiza, bathi:
13 Khuphukelani kithi nisisize, ukuze sibabulale abantwana bakwa-Efrayimi abaphume eGibithe ukuzothatha izinkomo zethu, balwe nathi ngeze.”
14 Manje imiphefumulo yabantwana bakwa-Efrayimi yayikhathele yindlala nokoma, ngoba babengadlanga sinkwa izinsuku ezintathu. Kwaphuma amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane emizini yamaFilisti ukusiza amadoda aseGati.
15 Laba bantu balwa nabantwana bakwa-Efrayimi; uJehova wabanikela abantwana bakwa-Efrayimi esandleni samaFilisti.

16 Babulala bonke abantwana bakwa-Efrayimi, bonke abaphuma eGibithe; akusalanga muntu, kuphela amadoda ayishumi abaleka empini.
17 Ngoba lobu bubi buvela kuJehova ngabantwana bakwa-Efrayimi, ngoba beqa izwi likaJehova ngokuphuma eGibhithe, ngaphambi kwesikhathi uJehova asimisele u-Israyeli ezinsukwini zasendulo.
18 Kwawa namaFilisti amaningi kakhulu, kungathi amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili; abafowabo bawathwala, bawambela emizini yabo.
19 Ababuleweyo babantwana bakwa-Efrayimi basala beshiywe esigodini saseGati izinsuku eziningi neminyaka emininga, abangcwatshwanga, futhi isigodi sagcwala amathambo abantu.
20 Amadoda ayephunyukile empini afika eGibhithe, atshela bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli konke okwabehlele.
21 Uyise u-Efrayimi wabakhalela izinsuku eziningi, abafowabo beza ukuzomduduza.
22 Wafika kumkakhe, wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uBeriya, ngokuba wayehluphekile endlini yakhe.

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1 UMose indodana ka-Amramu wayeseyinkosi ezweni laseKushe ngalezo zinsuku, waphumelela embusweni wakhe, wahola ukubusa kwabantwana baseKushe ngobulungisa, ngokulunga nangobuqotho.
2 Bonke abantwana bakwaKushe bamthanda uMose zonke izinsuku zakhe zokubusa phezu kwabo; bonke abakhileyo ezweni lakwaKushe babemesaba kakhulu.
3 Ngomnyaka wamashumi amane wokubusa kukaMose phezu kukaKushe, uMose wayehleli esihlalweni sobukhosi sobukhosi, kanti indlovukazi u-Adoniya yayiphambi kwakhe, nazo zonke izikhulu zazihlezi zimzungezile.
4 Indlovukazi u-Adoniya yathi phambi kwenkosi nezikhulu: "Kuyini lokhu enikwenzile nina bantwana bakwaKushe isikhathi eside kangaka?"
5 Ngokuqinisekile niyazi ukuthi iminyaka engamashumi amane lo muntu ebusa phezu kukaKushe akasondelanga kimi, futhi akakhonzanga onkulunkulu babantwana bakwaKushe.
6 Ngakho-ke zwanini, nina bantwana bakwaKushe, futhi lo muntu makangabe esabusa phezu kwenu njengoba engeyena owenyama yethu.
7 Bhekani, indodana yami uMenakru isikhulile, mayibuse phezu kwenu, ngokuba kungcono ukukhonza indodana yenkosi yenu kunokukhonza umfokazi, isigqila senkosi yaseGibhithe.
8 Bonke abantu nezikhulu zabantwana bakwaKushe bezwa amazwi u-Adoniya indlovukazi ayewakhulumile ezindlebeni zabo.
9 Bonke abantu babelungiselela kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, kwathi ekuseni bavuka ekuseni babeka uMenacrus, indodana kaKikianus, inkosi phezu kwabo.
10 Bonke abantwana bakwaKushe besaba ukwelula isandla sabo ngokumelene noMose, ngoba iNkosi yayinoMose, futhi abantwana bakwaKushe bakhumbula isifungo abasifunga kuMose, ngakho-ke abamlimazanga.
11 Kodwa abantwana bakwaKushe bamnika uMose izipho eziningi, bamthumela kubo ngenhlonipho enkulu.
12 Ngakho uMose waphuma ezweni laseKushe, wabuyela ekhaya, wayeka ukubusa phezu kweKushe, uMose wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nesithupha ubudala lapho ephuma ezweni laseKushe, ngoba le nto yayivela kuJehova, ngoba isikhathi esasimisiwe ezinsukwini zakudala sokukhipha u-Israyeli ekuhluphekeni kwabantwana bakaHamu sasifikile.
13 Ngakho uMose waya kwaMidiyani, ngoba wayesaba ukubuyela eGibhithe ngenxa kaFaro, wahamba wahlala emthonjeni wamanzi kwaMidiyani.
14 Amadodakazi ayisikhombisa kaRehuweli wakwaMidiyani aphuma ukuyokwelusa umhlambi kayise.
15 Bafika emthonjeni, bakha amanzi okuphuzisa umhlambi kayise.
16 Ngakho abelusi bakwaMidiyani bafika babaxosha; uMose wasukuma wabasiza, waphuzisa umhlambi.
17 Bafika ekhaya kuyise uRehuweli, bamtshela lokho uMose abenzele khona.
18 Bathi: "Umuntu waseGibhithe usisindisile esandleni sabelusi; usikhelele amanzi, waphuzisa izimvu."
19 URehuweli wathi emadodakazini akhe: "Uphi yena? Nimshiyeleni lowo muntu?"
20 URehuweli wathumela ukuba alandwe, wamletha ekhaya, wadla isinkwa naye.
21 UMose watshela uRehuweli ukuthi wayebalekile eGibhithe nokuthi wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane phezu kukaKushe, nokuthi kamuva bamthathela umbuso, futhi bammukisa ngokuthula enenhlonipho nezipho.
22 Kwathi lapho uRehuweli ezwa amazwi kaMose, uRehuweli wathi ngaphakathi kuye, Ngizofaka lo muntu etilongweni, lapho ngizoxolisa khona ngabantwana bakwaKushe, ngoba ubalekile.
23 Bamthatha bamfaka etilongweni, uMose wahlala etilongweni iminyaka eyishumi, kwathi ngesikhathi uMose esetilongweni, uSipora indodakazi kaRehuweli waba nesihawu ngaye, wamsekela ngesinkwa nangamanzi ngaso sonke isikhathi.
24 Bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babesesezweni laseGibhithe bekhonza abaseGibhithe ngayo yonke imisebenzi enzima, isandla saseGibhithe sasinzima phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngalezo zinsuku.
25 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wamshaya uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe, wamshaya ngesifo sochoko kusukela ematheni onyawo lwakhe kuze kube sokhakhayini lwekhanda lakhe; ngenxa yokuphathwa kabi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, lesi sifo sasivela kuJehova phezu kukaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe.
26 Ngokuba uJehova wayezwile umkhuleko wabantu bakhe, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, nokukhala kwabo kwafika kuye ngenxa yomsebenzi wabo onzima.
27 Kodwa intukuthelo yakhe ayisukanga kubo, isandla sikaFaro sasisalokhu seluliwe phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli; uFaro wayenza lukhuni intamo yakhe phambi kukaJehova, wandisa ijoka lakhe phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wenza ukuphila kwabo kwaba munyu ngayo yonke imisebenzi enzima.
28 Kwathi lapho uJehova eseshaye uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe ngesifo, wacela izihlakaniphi zakhe nabathakathi ukuba bamelaphe.

29 Amadoda akhe ahlakaniphileyo nabathakathi bathi kuye, Uma igazi labantwana abancane lingafakwa emanxebeni, uzophulukiswa.
30 UFaro wabalalela, wathuma izinceku zakhe eGosheni kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuba bathathe abantwana babo.
31 Izikhonzi zikaFaro zahamba zathatha izingane zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezifubeni zonina ngenkani, zaziletha kuFaro nsuku zonke, umntwana ngamunye ngosuku; odokotela bababulala, babafaka esifweni; benze njalo zonke izinsuku.
32 Inani labantwana uFaro ababulala lalingu-375.
33 Kodwa uJehova akalalelanga odokotela benkosi yaseGibhithe, isifo sanda kakhulu.
34 UFaro wahlushwa yileso sishayo iminyaka eyishumi, inhliziyo kaFaro yayisilukhuni kakhulu kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
35 Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyishumi uJehova waqhubeka nokumshaya uFaro ngezinhlupho ezibhubhisayo.
36 UJehova wamshaya ngesimila esibi kanye nokugula esiswini, leso sifo saphenduka ithumba elibi kakhulu.
37 Ngaleso sikhathi izinceku zikaFaro ezimbili zafika zivela ezweni laseGosheni lapho bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babe khona, zaya endlini kaFaro zathi kuye: “Sibonile abantwana bakwa-Israyeli beyetha emsebenzini wabo futhi benganaki emsebenzini wabo.”
38 Kwathi uFaro esezwile amazwi ezikhonzi zakhe, intukuthelo yakhe yavutha kakhulu ngabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ngokuba wayedabuke kakhulu ngobuhlungu bomzimba wakhe.
39 Waphendula wathi: “Manje njengoba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebeyazi ukuthi ngiyagula, sebeyaphenduka basihleka usulu, manje-ke ngibopheleni inqola yami, ngihambe ngiye eGosheni, ngibone ukuhleka kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli abangihleka usulu ngakho.” Izinceku zakhe zambophezela inqola.
40 Bamthatha bamkhwelisa ehhashini, ngoba wayengenakukwazi ukugibela yedwa;
41 Wathatha amahhashi ayishumi nabamahhashi abayishumi, waya kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli eGosheni.
42 Kwathi sebefikile emngceleni waseGibhithe, ihhashi lenkosi ladlula endaweni encane, ephakeme engxenyeni engenalutho yesivini, ibiyelwe nhlangothi zombili, izwe eliphansi, eliyithafa lingaphesheya.
43 Amahhashi agijima ngokushesha kuleyo ndawo futhi acindezelana, kanti amanye amahhashi acindezelana nehhashi lenkosi.
44 Ihhashi lenkosi lawela ethafeni eliphansi ngesikhathi inkosi ikhwele kulo, kwathi lapho iwa, inqola yaphenduka ebusweni benkosi, ihhashi lalala phezu kwenkosi, inkosi yakhala, ngokuba inyama yayo yayibuhlungu kakhulu.
45 Inyama yenkosi yadatshulwa kuye, amathambo akhe aphuka, wayengenakukwazi ukugibela, ngoba le nto yayivela kuJehova kuye, ngoba uJehova wayezwile ukukhala kwabantu bakhe, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, nokuhlupheka kwabo.
46 Izinceku zakhe zamthwala emahlombe azo, kancane kancane, zambuyisela eGibhithe; nabamahhashi ababenaye babuyela eGibhithe.
47 Base bemlalisa embhedeni wakhe, inkosi yazi ukuthi ukufa kwakhe sekufikile, ngakho u-Aparaniti indlovukazi umkakhe weza wakhala phambi kwenkosi, inkosi yakhala kakhulu kanye naye.
48 Bonke abahlonishwayo nezinceku zakhe beza ngalolo suku babona inkosi ikulolo sizi, bakhala kakhulu kanye nayo.
49 Izikhulu zenkosi nabo bonke abeluleki bayo bacebisa inkosi ukuba ibeke omunye esikhundleni sayo ezweni, noma ubani engamkhetha emadodaneni ayo.
50 Inkosi yayinamadodana amathathu namadodakazi amabili u-Aparaniti, indlovukazi, umkakhe, ayemzalele wona, ngaphandle kwabantwana benkosi ngezancinza.
51 Lawa kwakungamagama abo: izibulo u-Othri, owesibili u-Adikam, nowesithathu uMorion, nodadewabo, igama likaBathiya omkhulu nelomunye u-Acuzi.
52 Futhi u-Otri izibulo lenkosi wayeyisiwula, eshesha futhi eshesha emazwini akhe.
53 Kodwa u-Adikam wayeyindoda ehlakaniphile nehlakaniphile futhi enolwazi kukho konke ukuhlakanipha kwaseGibhithe, kodwa wayenesimo esibi, ekhuluphele ngenyama, futhi emfushane kakhulu ngobude; ukuphakama kwakhe kwakuyingalo eyodwa.
54 Kwathi lapho inkosi ibona indodana yayo u-Adikamu ihlakaniphile futhi ihlakaniphile kuzo zonke izinto, inkosi yanquma ukuthi kufanele ibe yinkosi esikhundleni sayo ngemva kokufa kwayo.
55 Wazithathela uGeduda indodakazi ka-Abiloti umfazi, eneminyaka eyishumi ubudala, wamzalela amadodana amane.
56 Ngemva kwalokho wahamba wathatha abafazi abathathu wazala amadodana ayisishiyagalombili namadodakazi amathathu.
57 Isiphithiphithi sanqoba inkosi kakhulu, inyama yayo yanuka njengenyama yesidumbu esilahlwe endle ngesikhathi sasehlobo, ngesikhathi sokushisa kwelanga.
58 Kwathi inkosi ibona ukuthi ukugula kwayo kwase kunamandla kakhulu phezu kwayo, yayala ukuba kulethwe indodana yayo u-Adikam, bambeka inkosi phezu kwezwe esikhundleni sayo.
59 Ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu, inkosi yafa, ihlazekile, ihlazo, futhi inengeka, izinceku zayo zamthwala zamngcwaba ethuneni lamakhosi aseGibhithe eSowani Mizraimu.
60 Kodwa abamgqumisanga njengokwejwayelekile kwamakhosi, ngoba inyama yakhe yayibolile, futhi babengenakukwazi ukusondela ukumgqumisa ngenxa yephunga layo, ngakho bamngcwaba ngokushesha.
61 Ngoba lobu bubi babuvela kuJehova kuye, ngoba uJehova wayemphindisele ububi ngenxa yobubi ayebenze ku-Israyeli ezinsukwini zakhe.
62 Wafa ngokwesaba nangokuhlazeka, indodana yakhe u-Adikam yabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

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1 U-Adikamu wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili ubudala lapho ebusa eGibhithe, wabusa iminyaka emine.
2 Ngomnyaka wamakhulu amabili nesithupha wehla kuka-Israyeli eGibhithe u-Adikamu wabusa phezu kweGibhithe, kodwa wahlala isikhathi esifushane embusweni wakhe phezu kweGibhithe njengoba oyise baqhubeka nokubusa kwabo.

3 Uyise uMeloli wabusa iminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nane eGibhithe, wagula iminyaka eyishumi, wafa, ngokuba wayemubi phambi kukaJehova.
4 Bonke abaseGibhithe baqamba igama likaFaro ngokuthi u-Adikam njengegama lawoyise, njengomkhuba wabo eGibhithe.
5 Bonke abahlakaniphileyo bakaFaro baqamba igama elithi Adikam Ahuz, ngoba ngamafuphi libizwa ngokuthi u-Ahuz ngolimi lwaseGibhithe.
6 U-Adikam wayemubi kakhulu, futhi wayeyingalo nesandla futhi wayenentshebe enkulu eyayifinyelela ezinyaweni zakhe.
7 UFaro wahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikayise ukuba abuse eGibhithe, wahola umbuso waseGibhithe ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe.
8 Ngesikhathi ebusa wadlula uyise nawo wonke amakhosi angaphambili ebubini, wandisa ijoka lakhe phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
9 Wahamba nezinceku zakhe baya eGosheni kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wabaqinisa umsebenzi phezu kwabo, wathi kubo: “Qedani umsebenzi wenu, umsebenzi wosuku nosuku, izandla zenu zingayeki emsebenzini wethu kusukela namuhla njengasezinsukwini zikababa.”
10 Wabeka izinduna phezu kwabo phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wabeka nezinduna phezu kwalezi zinceku zakhe.
11 Wabeka phezu kwabo isilinganiso sezitini ukuze benze ngokuvumelana nalelo nani, usuku nosuku, wabe esebuyela emuva waya eGibhithe.
12 Ngaleso sikhathi abaphathi bakaFaro bayala izikhulu zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngokomyalo kaFaro, bathi:
13 Usho kanje uFaro, uthi: Yenzani umsebenzi wenu imihla ngemihla, niqede imisebenzi yenu, niqaphele isilinganiso sezitini zansuku zonke, ninganciphisi lutho.
14 Futhi kuyokwenzeka ukuthi uma nintula izitini zenu zansuku zonke, ngizobeka abantwana benu abasebancane esikhundleni sabo.
15 Abaphathi bomsebenzi baseGibithe benza kanjalo ngalezo zinsuku njengalokho uFaro ayebayalile.
16 Futhi noma nini lapho kutholakala khona ukuntuleka kwesilinganiso sezitini zabo zansuku zonke kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, abaphathi bomsebenzi bakaFaro babeya kubafazi babantwana bakwa-Israyeli bathathe izinsana zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngenani lezitini elingaphansi, babezithatha ngenkani emathangeni omama bazo, bazifake esakhiweni esikhundleni sezitini;
17 Ngesikhathi oyise nonina bebakhalela futhi bekhala lapho bezwa amazwi ezinsana zabo ezikhalayo odongeni lwesakhiwo.
18 Abaphathi bomsebenzi banqoba u-Israyeli, ukuze u-Israyeli abeke abantwana bakhe esakhiweni, kangangokuthi indoda yabeka indodana yayo odongeni yayifaka udaka phezu kwayo, kuyilapho amehlo ayo ekhala ngenxa yayo, nezinyembezi zayo zehlela phezu komntwana wayo.
19 Abaphathi bomsebenzi baseGibhithe benza kanjalo kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli izinsuku eziningi; akakho owabazwela noma waba nesihawu kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
20 Futhi inani labo bonke abantwana ababulawa esakhiweni lalingu-270, abanye ababesakhe phezu kwabo esikhundleni sezitini ezazishiywe zingenamsebenzi ngoyise, kanti abanye ababebakhiphe befile esakhiweni.
21 Umsebenzi owawuthwalwa abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezinsukwini zika-Adikam wawungaphezu kobunzima ababewenza ezinsukwini zikayise.
22 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babubula nsuku zonke ngenxa yomsebenzi wabo onzima, ngokuba babezitshela ukuthi: “Bhekani, lapho uFaro efa, indodana yakhe iyakuvuka, isenze umsebenzi wethu ube lula.”
23 Kodwa umsebenzi wakamuva bawukhulisa kakhulu kunowokuqala, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babubula ngalokhu, ukukhala kwabo kwenyukela kuNkulunkulu ngenxa yomsebenzi wabo.
24 UNkulunkulu wezwa izwi labantwana bakwa-Israyeli nokukhala kwabo, ngalezo zinsuku, uNkulunkulu wakhumbula kubo isivumelwano sakhe asenza no-Abrahama, no-Isaka, noJakobe.
25 UNkulunkulu wabona umthwalo wabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, nomsebenzi wabo onzima ngalezo zinsuku, wanquma ukubakhulula.
26 UMose indodana ka-Amramu wayesavalelwe emgodini ngalezo zinsuku, endlini kaRehuweli wakwaMidiyani, uZipora indodakazi kaRehuweli wayemondla ngokudla ngasese imihla ngemihla.
27 UMose wavalelwa ejele endlini kaRehuweli iminyaka eyishumi.
28 Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyishumi okwakungunyaka wokuqala wokubusa kukaFaro eGibhithe, esikhundleni sikayise,
29 USiphora wathi kuRehuweli uyise: “Akukho muntu obuza noma ofuna indoda engumHebheru, oboshiwe iminyaka eyishumi manje.”
30 Ngakho-ke uma kukuhle emehlweni akho, masithumele sibone ukuthi uyaphila noma ufile, kepha uyise wayengazi ukuthi wayemnakekele.
31 URehuweli uyise waphendula wathi kuye: “Kwake kwenzeka yini into enjalo ukuba umuntu avalelwe etilongweni engenakudla iminyaka eyishumi, aphile?”
32 USipora waphendula uyise, wathi: “Impela uzwile ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamaHeberu mkhulu, uyesabeka, uyabenzela izimangaliso ngaso sonke isikhathi.”
33 Nguye owakhulula u-Abrahama e-Uri lamaKaledi, no-Isaka enkembeni kayise, noJakobe engelosini yeNkosi eyalwa naye echwebeni laseJabuki.
34 Futhi ngalo muntu wenze izinto eziningi, wamsindisa emfuleni waseGibhithe nasenkembeni kaFaro, nasebantwaneni baseKushe, ukuze amsindise endlaleni futhi amenze aphile.
35 Le nto yamjabulisa uRehuweli, wenza njengezwi lendodakazi yakhe, wathumela etilongweni ukuyobona ukuthi kwenzekani ngoMose.
36 Wabona, bheka, indoda uMose yayihlala emgodini, imi ngezinyawo zayo, idumisa futhi ithandaza kuNkulunkulu wokhokho bayo.
37 URehuweli wayala ukuba uMose akhishwe emgodini, ngakho bamgunda washintsha izingubo zakhe zasejele wadla isinkwa.
38 Ngemva kwalokho uMose wangena ensimini kaRehuweli eyayingemuva kwendlu, wakhuleka lapho kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe, owayemenzele izimangaliso ezinkulu.

39 Kwathi ngesikhathi ethandaza wabheka ngakuye, bheka, kwabekwa induku yesafire emhlabathini, eyayitshalwe phakathi nensimu.
40 Wasondela endukwini, wabheka, bheka, igama leNkosi uNkulunkulu Sebawoti laliqoshwe kuyo, libhaliwe futhi laklanywa endukwini.
41 Wayifunda, welula isandla sakhe, wayikhipha njengomuthi wehlathi esihlahleni, induku yayisesandleni sakhe.
42 Futhi lena yinduku okwakwenziwa ngayo yonke imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu wethu, ngemva kokuba esedale izulu nomhlaba, kanye nalo lonke ibutho lawo, izilwandle, imifula nazo zonke izinhlanzi zazo.
43 Kwathi lapho uNkulunkulu esexoshile u-Adamu ensimini yase-Edene, wathatha induku ngesandla sakhe wahamba wayolima umhlabathi athathwe kuwo.
44 Induku yehlela kuNowa yanikwa uShemi nenzalo yakhe, kwaze kwaba yilapho ifika esandleni sika-Abrahama umHebheru.
45 Kwathi u-Abrahama esenike indodana yakhe u-Isaka konke ayenakho, wamnika nalenduku.
46 UJakobe wabaleka waya ePhadani-aramu, wayithatha esandleni sakhe, kepha lapho ebuyela kuyise wayengayishiyanga.
47 Futhi lapho ehlela eGibhithe, wayithatha esandleni sakhe wayinika uJosefa, isabelo esisodwa ngaphezu kwabafowabo, ngoba uJakobe wayesithathile kumfowabo u-Esawu ngenkani.
48 Ngemva kokufa kukaJosefa, izikhulu zaseGibhithe zafika endlini kaJosefa, induku yafika esandleni sikaRehuweli umMidiyani, kwathi lapho ephuma eGibhithe, wayithatha ngesandla wayitshala ensimini yakhe.
49 Futhi wonke amadoda anamandla amaKini azama ukuyihlutha lapho ezama ukuthola uZipora indodakazi yakhe, kodwa aphumelelanga.
50 Ngakho leyo nduku yahlala itshalwe ensimini kaRehuweli, kwaze kwaba yilapho kufika yena owayenelungelo lokuyithatha.
51 Kwathi uRehuweli ebona intonga esandleni sikaMose, wamangala ngayo, wamnika indodakazi yakhe uZipora ukuba abe ngumkakhe.

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1 Ngaleso sikhathi uBali Hanani indodana ka-Akibori, inkosi yakwa-Edomi, wafa, wembelwa endlini yakhe ezweni lakwa-Edomi.
2 Kwathi emva kokufa kwakhe abantwana bakwa-Esawu bathumela ezweni lakwa-Edomi, bathatha khona umuntu wase-Edomi ogama lakhe linguHadadi; bambeka inkosi phezu kwabo esikhundleni sikaBali Hanani inkosi yabo.
3 UHadadi wabusa phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Edomi iminyaka engamashumi amane nesishiyagalombili.
4 Kwathi esebusa wanquma ukulwa nabantwana bakwaMowabi, ukubabeka ngaphansi kwamandla abantwana bakwa-Esawu njengakuqala, kodwa akakwazanga, ngoba abantwana bakwaMowabi bezwa lokhu, basukuma bashesha ukukhetha inkosi phezu kwabo phakathi kwabafowabo.
5 Ngemva kwalokho babutha abantu abaningi, bathumela kubantwana bakwa-Amoni abafowabo ukuba babasize ekulweni noHadadi inkosi yakwa-Edomi.
6 UHadadi esezwile lokho okwenziwe ngabantwana bakwaMowabi, wesaba kakhulu ngabo, wayeka ukulwa nabo.
7 Ngalezo zinsuku uMose, indodana ka-Amramu, kwaMidiyani, wathatha uSipora, indodakazi kaRehuweli wakwaMidiyani, abe ngumkakhe.
8 UZipora wahamba ngezindlela zamadodakazi kaJakobe, wayengenalo usizi ngokulunga kukaSara, uRebheka, uRaheli noLeya.
9 UZipora wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi uGereshomu, ngokuba wathi: “Ngangingumfokazi ezweni langaphandle; kodwa akasokanga ijwabu lakhe, ngomyalo kaRehuweli umukhwe wakhe.”
10 Wakhulelwa futhi, wazala indodana, wayisoka ijwabu lakhe, wayiqamba igama lokuthi u-Eliyezeri, ngokuba uMose wathi: “Ngokuba uNkulunkulu wawobaba ubelusizo lwami, wangikhulula enkembeni kaFaro.”
11 UFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wandisa kakhulu umsebenzi wabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngalezo zinsuku, waqhubeka enza ijoka lakhe laba nzima phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
12 Wayala ukuba kwenziwe isimemezelo eGibhithe, ethi: “Ningabe nisanika abantu utshani bokwenza izitini ngabo; mabahambe bayobutha utshani ngangokunokwenzeka.”
13 Futhi inani lezitini abazozenza mabalikhokhe nsuku zonke, futhi banganciphisi lutho kubo, ngoba bayavilapha emsebenzini wabo.
14 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bezwa lokhu, balila, babubula, bakhala kuJehova ngenxa yobuhlungu bemiphefumulo yabo.
15 UJehova wezwa ukukhala kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wabona ukucindezelwa abaseGibithe ababebacindezela ngakho.
16 INkosi yaba nomhawu ngabantu bayo nefa layo, yezwa izwi labo, yanquma ukubakhipha ekuhluphekeni kwaseGibithe, ibanike izwe laseKhanani libe yifa labo.

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1 Ngalezo zinsuku uMose wayelusa umhlambi kaRehuweli wakwaMidiyani, umukhwe wakhe, ngaphesheya kwehlane laseSini, nentonga ayithathile kumukhwe wakhe yayisesandleni sakhe.
2 Kwathi ngolunye usuku izinyane lembuzi laduka emhlambini, uMose walilandela, lafika entabeni kaNkulunkulu eHorebe.
3 Kwathi esefikile eHorebe, uJehova wabonakala kuye lapho esihlahleni, wathola isihlahla sivutha umlilo, kodwa umlilo wawungenamandla phezu kwesihlahla ukusiqeda.
4 UMose wamangala kakhulu ngalo mbono, ukuthi kungani isihlahla singashi, wasondela ukuzobona lesi senzo esikhulu, uJehova wambiza uMose evela emlilweni, wamyala ukuba ehlele eGibhithe, kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe, ukuze akhulule abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ekukhonzeni kwakhe.
5 UJehova wathi kuMose: “Hamba, ubuyele eGibhithe, ngokuba bonke labo bantu ababefuna ukukubulala sebefile;

wena-ke wokhuluma kuFaro ukuba abakhulule abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezweni lakhe.”
6 UJehova wambonisa ukuthi enze izibonakaliso nezimangaliso eGibhithe phambi kwamehlo kaFaro naphambi kwabantu bakhe, ukuze bakholwe ukuthi uJehova wayemthumile.
7 UMose walalela konke uJehova ayemyale ngakho, wabuyela kuyisezala, wamtshela lokho; uRehuweli wathi kuye: “Hamba ngokuthula.”
8 UMose wasuka waya eGibhithe, wathatha umkakhe namadodana akhe, wayesesendlini yezihambi endleleni, ingelosi kaNkulunkulu yehla, yamfuna ithuba.
9 Wayefisa ukumbulala ngenxa yendodana yakhe yokuqala, ngoba wayengamsokanga, futhi wayephule isivumelwano uJehova ayesenze no-Abrahama.
10 Ngoba uMose wayelalele amazwi kayisezala wakhe ayewakhulume kuye, okuthi angasoki indodana yakhe eyizibulo, ngakho akayisokanga.
11 UZiphora wabona ingelosi yeNkosi ifuna ithuba lokulwa noMose, futhi wazi ukuthi lokhu kwakungenxa yokuthi wayengamsokanga indodana yakhe uGereshomu.
12 USipora washesha wathatha amatshe abukhali ayelapho, wasoka indodana yakhe, wasindisa umyeni wakhe nendodana yakhe esandleni sengelosi kaJehova.
13 U-Aroni indodana ka-Amramu, umfowabo kaMose, wayeseGibhithe ehamba eceleni komfula ngalolo suku.
14 UJehova wabonakala kuye kuleyo ndawo, wathi kuye: “Hamba manje uye kuMose ehlane.” Wahamba, wahlangana naye entabeni kaNkulunkulu, wamanga.
15 U-Aroni waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wambona uSipora umkaMose nabantwana bakhe, wathi kuMose: “Bangobani laba kuwe?”
16 UMose wathi kuye: “Bangumkami namadodana ami uNkulunkulu anginike wona kwaMidiyani.” Le nto yaba lusizi ku-Aroni ngenxa yowesifazane nabantwana bakhe.
17 U-Aroni wathi kuMose: “Mxoshe owesifazane nabantwana bakhe ukuba babuyele endlini kayise.” UMose walalela amazwi ka-Aroni, wenza kanjalo.
18 USipora wabuya nabantwana bakhe, bafika endlini kaRehuweli, bahlala lapho kwaze kwafika isikhathi lapho uJehova ebahambele abantu bakhe, wabakhipha eGibithe esandleni sikaFaro.
19 UMose no-Aroni bafika eGibithe enhlanganweni yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bakhuluma kubo onke amazwi kaJehova; abantu bajabula kakhulu.
20 UMose no-Aroni bavuka ekuseni ngakusasa, bafika endlini kaFaro, baphatha induku kaNkulunkulu ngezandla zabo.
21 Kwathi lapho befika esangweni lenkosi, amabhubesi amabili amancane ayevalelwe lapho ephethe izinsimbi zensimbi, futhi akukho muntu owaphuma noma owangena phambi kwabo, ngaphandle kwalabo inkosi eyayibayalile ukuba beze, lapho abathakathi befika futhi besusa amabhubesi ngemilingo yabo, futhi lokhu kwabaletha enkosini.
22 UMose washesha waphakamisa induku phezu kwamabhubesi, wawakhulula, uMose no-Aroni bangena endlini yenkosi.
23 Amabhubesi nawo afika nabo ngenjabulo, abalandela futhi ajabula njengenja ijabula ngenkosi yayo lapho ibuya endle.
24 UFaro esebonile lokhu wamangala ngakho, wesaba kakhulu ngalowo mbiko, ngokuba ubuso babo babufana nobabantwana bakaNkulunkulu.
25 UFaro wathi kuMose: “Nifunani?” Bamphendula bathi: “UJehova, uNkulunkulu wamaHeberu, usithumile kuwe, sithi: ‘Vumela abantu bami bahambe, bangikhonze.’
26 Kwathi uFaro ezwa amazwi abo, wesaba kakhulu phambi kwabo, wathi kubo: “Hambani namuhla, nibuye kimi kusasa.” Base besenza njengezwi lenkosi.
27 Kwathi sebehambile uFaro wathumela ukuba kubizwe uBalami umthakathi, noJane noJambre amadodana akhe, nabo bonke abathakathi, nabaqambi bemilingo, nabeluleki benkosi, bonke beza bahlala phambi kwenkosi.
28 Inkosi yabatshela wonke amazwi uMose nomfowabo u-Aroni ababewakhulume kuyo, abathakathi bathi enkosini: “Kodwa amadoda afike kanjani kuwe ngenxa yezingonyama ezazivalelwe esangweni?”
29 Inkosi yathi: “Ngenxa yokuthi baphakamisele izingonyama induku yabo bazikhulula, beza kimi, nezingonyama nazo zajabula ngazo njengenja ijabula ukuhlangana nenkosi yayo.”
30 UBileyamu indodana kaBeyori, isangoma, waphendula inkosi, wathi: “Laba bangabathakathi njengathi.”
31 Ngakho-ke thumelani ukuba balandwe, beze, sizobahlola; inkosi yenza njalo.
32 Ekuseni uFaro wathuma ukuba kubizwe uMose no-Aroni phambi kwenkosi; bathatha induku kaNkulunkulu, baya enkosini, bathi kuyo:
33 Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, uthi: “Thumela abantu bami ukuba bangikhonze.”
34 Inkosi yathi kubo: “Kepha ngubani oyokholwa kini ukuthi niyizithunywa zikaNkulunkulu nokuthi niza kimi ngomyalo wakhe?”
35 Ngakho-ke nikeza isimangaliso noma isibonakaliso kule ndaba, khona-ke amazwi owakhulumayo azokholeka.
36 U-Aroni washesha wayiphonsa induku esandleni sakhe phambi kukaFaro naphambi kwezinceku zakhe, induku yaphenduka inyoka.
37 Abathakathi bakubona lokhu, baphonsa induku yabo phansi, kwaba yilowo nalowo, zaba yizinyoka.
38 Inyoka yenduku ka-Aroni yaphakamisa ikhanda layo yavula umlomo wayo ukuze igwinye izinduku zabathakathi.
39 UBhalami umthakathi waphendula wathi: “Lokhu bekulokhu kwenzeka ezinsukwini zasendulo, ukuthi inyoka iyagwinya umngane wayo, nokuthi izinto eziphilayo ziyadlana.”
40 Ngakho-ke yibuyisele endukwini njengoba yayinjalo ekuqaleni, futhi sizoyibuyisela nasezindukwini zethu njengoba zazinjalo ekuqaleni, futhi uma induku yakho igwinya izinduku zethu, khona-ke sizokwazi ukuthi umoya kaNkulunkulu ukuwe, futhi uma kungenjalo, ungumdwebi nje njengathi.
41 U-Aroni washesha welula isandla sakhe wabamba umsila wenyoka, waba yinduku esandleni sakhe, abathakathi benza okufanayo ngezinduku zabo, babamba, yilowo nalowo umsila wenyoka yakhe, zaba yinduku njengakuqala.
42 Kwathi lapho sebebuyiselwe ezindukwini, induku ka-Aroni yagwinya izinduku zabo.
43 Kwathi inkosi ibona lokhu, yayala ukuba kulethwe incwadi yemibhalo ephathelene namakhosi aseGibhithe,

futhi baletha incwadi yemibhalo ephathelene namakhosi aseGibhithe, lapho kwakubhalwe khona zonke izithombe zaseGibhithe, ngoba babecabanga ukuthola igama likaJehova kuyo, kodwa abazange balithole.
44 UFaro wathi kuMose naku-Aroni: "Bhekani, angitholanga igama likaNkulunkulu wenu lilotshiwe kule ncwadi, futhi angilazi igama lakhe."
45 Abeluleki nabahlakaniphileyo baphendula inkosi, bathi: "Sizwile ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamaHeberu uyindodana yabahlakaniphileyo, indodana yamakhosi asendulo."
46 UFaro waphendukela kuMose no-Aroni, wathi kubo: "Angimazi uJehova enimtshelile, futhi angiyikubathuma abantu bakhe."
47 Baphendula bathi enkosini: "Igama lakhe yiNkosi uNkulunkulu kaNkulunkulu, futhi wamemezela igama lakhe phezu kwethu kusukela ezinsukwini zokhokho bethu, wasithuma, ethi: 'Hambani kuFaro nithi kuye: "Thumela abantu bami ukuba bangikhonze."
48 Ngakho-ke sithume manje, sihambe uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu ehlane, simnikele khona umhlatshelo, ngokuba selokhu sehlela eGibithe akathathanga esandleni sethu umnikelo wokushiswa, nomnikelo, nomhlatshelo; uma ungasithumeli, ulaka lwakhe luzakuvuthela, ashaye iGibithe ngobhubhane noma ngenkemba.
49 UFaro wathi kubo: "Ngitsheleni manje amandla akhe namandla akhe." Bathi kuye: "Wadala izulu nomhlaba, izilwandle nazo zonke izinhlanzi zazo, wadala ukukhanya, wadala ubumnyama, wabangela imvula emhlabeni, wawunisela, wenza izimila notshani ukuba kuhlume, wadala umuntu nezilwane nezilwane zasehlathini, izinyoni zezulu nezinhlanzi zolwandle, futhi ngomlomo wakhe ziphila futhi zife."
50 Ngempela wakudala esiswini sikanyoko, wakufaka umoya wokuphila, wakukhulisa, wakubeka esihlalweni sobukhosi saseGibhithe, futhi uzosusa umoya wakho nomphefumulo wakho kuwe, akubuyisele emhlabathini owathathwa kuwo.
51 Intukuthelo yenkosi yavutha ngamazwi abo, yathi kubo: "Kepha ngubani phakathi kwabo bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe ongakwenza lokhu na? Umfula wami ungowami, mina ngizenzele wona."
52 Wabaxosha kuye, wayala ukuba umsebenzi phezu kuka-Israyeli ube nzima kakhulu kunangaphambili nangaphambili.
53 UMose no-Aroni basuka ebusweni benkosi, babona abantwana bakwa-Israyeli besesimweni esibi ngoba abaphathi bomsebenzi babebenze umsebenzi wabo waba nzima kakhulu.
54 UMose wabuyela kuJehova, wathi: "Ubaphatheleni kabi abantu bakho na? Selokhu ngafika ukuzokhuluma kuFaro ngalokho ongithume khona, ubaphathe kabi kakhulu abantwana bakwa-Israyeli."
55 UJehova wathi kuMose: "Bheka, uzobona ukuthi uFaro uyakubakhulula abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezweni lakhe ngesandla eseluliwe nangezifo ezinzima."
56 UMose no-Aroni bahlala phakathi kwabafowabo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli eGibhithe.
57 Kepha abaseGibithe benza ukuphila kwabo kwaba muncu ngabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngemisebenzi enzima ababebathwesa yona.

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1 Kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka emibili, uJehova waphinda wathuma uMose kuFaro ukuba akhiphe abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, abakhiphe ezweni laseGibhithe.
2 UMose wahamba waya endlini kaFaro, wamtshela amazwi kaJehova owayemthumile, kodwa uFaro akalalelanga izwi likaJehova, uNkulunkulu waphakamisa amandla akhe eGibhithe phezu kukaFaro nabantu bakhe, uNkulunkulu wamshaya uFaro nabantu bakhe ngezinhlupho ezinkulu nezibuhlungu kakhulu.
3 UJehova wathumela ngesandla sika-Aroni, waphendula onke amanzi aseGibithe aba yigazi, kanye nayo yonke imifula nemifula yabo.
4 Kwathi lapho umGibhithe efika ukuzophuza nokukha amanzi, wabheka embizeni yakhe, bheka, wonke amanzi aphenduka igazi; kwathi lapho efika ukuzophuza endebeni yakhe amanzi asendebeni aba yigazi.
5 Kwathi lapho owesifazane exova inhlama yakhe futhi epheka ukudla kwakhe, ukubukeka kwabo kwashintsha kwaba njengegazi.
6 UJehova waphinda wathumela futhi, wenza ukuba amanzi abo onke aveze amasele; amasele onke angena ezindlini zabaseGibithe.
7 Kwathi lapho abaseGibhithe bephuza, izisu zabo zagcwala amaxoxo futhi badansa eziswini zabo njengoba bedansa emfuleni.
8 Futhi wonke amanzi abo okuphuza namanzi okupheka aphenduka amaxoxo, nalapho belele emibhedeni yabo ukujuluka kwabo kwazala amaxoxo.
9 Nokho konke lokho intukuthelo kaJehova ayibuyanga kubo, isandla sakhe selulelwa kubo bonke abaseGibithe ukubashaya ngazo zonke izinhlupho ezinzima.
10 Wathumela, washaya uthuli lwabo lwaba yizintwala, izintwala zaba yizintwala eGibhithe, zaze zaba yizingalo ezimbili ukuphakama emhlabathini.
11 Izintwala zaziningi kakhulu, enyameni yabantu nasezilwaneni, kubo bonke abakhileyo eGibhithe; futhi phezu kwenkosi nendlovukazi uJehova wathumela izintwala, futhi zabangela ubuhlungu obukhulu eGibhithe ngenxa yezintwala.
12 Noma kunjalo, intukuthelo kaJehova ayizange ibuye, isandla sakhe sasiseluliwe phezu kweGibhithe.
13 UJehova wathumela zonke izinhlobo zezilwane zasendle eGibhithe; zafika zabhubhisa lonke iGibhithe, abantu nezinkomo, nemithi, nakho konke okwakuseGibhithe.
14 UJehova wathumela izinyoka ezinomlilo, ofezela, amagundane, ochakide, amaxoxo, kanye nezinye ezihuquzela othulini.
15 Izimpukane, oonozinyo, izimpukane, izimbungulu nezinsensane, ngayinye iqhubu ngokwezinhlobo zayo.
16 Zonke izilwane ezihuquzelayo nezilwane ezinamaphiko ngezinhlobo zazo zafika eGibhithe, zabadabukisa kakhulu abaseGibhithe.
17 Izimpukane nezimpukane zangena emehlweni nasezindlebeni zamaGibhithe.
18 Izinyongo zafika phezu kwabo zabaxosha, baphuma kulo baya emakamelweni abo angaphakathi, zabaxosha.
19 Kwathi lapho abaseGibhithe becasha ngenxa yezilwane eziningi, bavala iminyango yabo ngemva kwabo,

uNkulunkulu wayala amaSulanuthi ayesolwandle ukuba akhuphuke aye eGibhithe.
20 Wayenezingalo ezinde, ubude obuyizingalo eziyishumi njengengalo yendoda.
21 Wakhwela ophahleni, wembula uphahla, waluqaqa, welula ingalo yakhe, wavula ingidi, wavula izindlu zaseGibithe.
22 Ngemva kwalokho uquqaba lwezilwane lwangena ezindlini zaseGibhithe, uquqaba lwezilwane lwababhubhisa abaseGibhithe, kwaba lusizi kakhulu kubo.
23 Nokho intukuthelo kaJehova ayibuyanga kwabaseGibithe, isandla sakhe sasisaluliwe phezu kwabo.
24 UNkulunkulu wathumela ubhubhane, ubhubhane lwasakazeka eGibhithe, emahhashini nasezimbongolweni, nasemakameleni, emihlambini yezinkomo nezimvu nakubantu.
25 Kwathi lapho abaseGibhithe bevuka ekuseni kakhulu ukuze bayise izinkomo zabo emadlelweni, bathola zonke izinkomo zabo zifile.
26 Kwasala inkomo eyodwa kweziyishumi eGibhithe, futhi emfuyweni ka-Israyeli eGosheni akwafa neyodwa.
27 UNkulunkulu wathumela ukuvuvukala okushisayo enyameni yamaGibhithe, okwaqhumisa izikhumba zawo, kwaba ukuqubuka okukhulu kuwo wonke amaGibhithe kusukela ezinyaweni zawo kuze kube sezinhlokweni zamakhanda awo.
28 Kwakukhona amathumba amaningi enyameni yabo, kangangokuthi inyama yabo yaphela yaze yabola futhi yabola.
29 Nokho intukuthelo kaJehova ayizange ibuye, isandla sakhe sasiseluliwe phezu kweGibithe lonke.
30 UJehova wathumela isichotho esikhulu kakhulu, esashaya imivini yabo, saphula imithi yabo yezithelo, sayomisa, yaze yawela phezu kwayo.
31 Futhi yonke imifino eluhlaza yomile yabhubha, ngoba umlilo oxubile wehla phakathi kwesichotho, ngakho-ke isichotho nomlilo kwadla konke.
32 Futhi abantu nezilwane ezatholakala ngaphandle zabhubha ngamalangabi omlilo nesichotho, nawo wonke amabhubesi amancane aphela amandla.
33 UJehova wathumela, waletha izikhonyane eziningi eGibithe, iKaseli, neSalomu, neKarigoli, neHagole, zonke izinhlobo zazo, ezadla konke okwashiywa yisichotho.
34 AbaseGibhithe bajabula ngezinkumbi, nakuba zazidla izithelo zasensimini, bazibamba ngobuningi, bazithela usawoti njengokudla.
35 UJehova waphendula umoya omkhulu wolwandle owasusa zonke izinkumbi, ngisho nalezo ezazinosawoti, waziphonsa eLwandle Olubomvu; akwasala nesisodwa isikhonyane emingceleni yaseGibithe.
36 UNkulunkulu wathumela ubumnyama eGibhithe, kangangokuthi lonke izwe laseGibhithe nelasePatrosi laba mnyama izinsuku ezintathu, kangangokuthi umuntu wayengenakubona isandla sakhe lapho esiphakamisa emlonyeni wakhe.
37 Ngaleso sikhathi kwafa abaningi kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli ababehlubukile kuJehova, abangazange bamlalele uMose no-Aroni, futhi abakholwanga kubo ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayebathumile.
38 Futhi ababethi, Ngeke siphume eGibhithe funa sibhubhe yindlala ehlane eliyincithakalo, futhi singalilalelanga izwi likaMose.
39 UJehova wabashaya ngezinsuku ezintathu zobumnyama, abakwa-Israyeli babangcwaba ngalezo zinsuku, abaseGibithe bengazi ngabo noma bejabule ngabo.
40 Ubumnyama baba bukhulu kakhulu eGibhithe izinsuku ezintathu, futhi noma yimuphi umuntu owayemi lapho kufika ubumnyama wayemi endaweni yakhe, nalowo owayehleli wahlala, nalowo owayelele waqhubeka elele esimweni esifanayo, nalowo owayehamba wahlala phansi endaweni efanayo; futhi lokhu kwenzeka kubo bonke abaseGibhithe, kwaze kwaba yilapho ubumnyama budlula.
41 Izinsuku zobumnyama zadlula, uJehova wathuma uMose no-Aroni kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wathi: “Gcinani umkhosi wenu, nenze iPhasika lenu, ngokuba bhekani, ngiyafika phakathi kobusuku phakathi kwabo bonke abaseGibithe, ngibulale wonke amazibulo abo, kusukela kuzibulo lomuntu kuya kuzibulo lesilwane, lapho ngibona iPhasika lenu, ngiyakudlula kini.”
42 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza njengakho konke uJehova ayebayalile oMose no-Aroni; benze njalo ngalobo busuku.
43 Kwathi phakathi kobusuku uJehova waphuma phakathi kweGibhithe, wabulala wonke amazibulo aseGibhithe, kusukela kuzibulo lomuntu kuya kuzibulo lesilwane.
44 UFaro wavuka ebusuku, yena nazo zonke izinceku zakhe nabo bonke abaseGibithe; kwaba khona ukukhala okukhulu kulo lonke iGibithe ngalobo busuku, ngokuba kwakungekho ndlu lapho kwakungekho sidumbu khona.
45 Futhi imifanekiso yamazibulo aseGibhithe, eyayiqoshwe ezindongeni zezindlu zawo, yabhujiswa yawela phansi.
46 Ngisho namathambo ezibulo labo asebefile ngaphambi kwalokhu futhi ababewangcwabile ezindlini zabo, akhishwa yizinja zaseGibhithe ngalobo busuku ahudulelwa phambi kwabaseGibhithe aphonswa phambi kwabo.
47 Bonke abaseGibhithe babona ububi obabubehlele ngokuzumayo; bonke abaseGibhithe bakhala ngezwi elikhulu.
48 Yonke imindeni yaseGibithe yakhala ngalobo busuku, yilowo nalowo ngendodana yakhe, yilowo nalowo ngendodakazi yakhe, izibulo; umsindo waseGibithe wezwakala kude ngalobo busuku.
49 UBathiya, indodakazi kaFaro, waphuma nenkosi ngalobo busuku ukuyofuna uMose no-Aroni ezindlini zabo, babathola ezindlini zabo, bedla, bephuza, bejabula kanye no-Israyeli wonke.
50 UBathiya wathi kuMose: “Lokhu kungumvuzo wobuhle engikwenzele bona, mina engikukhulisile, ngakukhulisa, waze waletha lobu bubi phezu kwami naphezu kwendlu kababa na?”
51 UMose wathi kuye: “Ingabe uJehova waletha izinhlupho eziyishumi phezu kweGibhithe; ingabe kukhona okubi okwehlele wena kunoma yikuphi kwalokhu? Ingabe kukhona okukodwa okwakuthinta?” wathi: “Cha.”
52 UMose wathi kuye: “Nakuba uyizibulo kunyoko, awuyikufa, futhi akukho okubi okuzokufikela phakathi kweGibhithe.”
53 Wathi: “Kungisiza ngani lokhu, uma ngibona inkosi, nomfowethu, nabo bonke abendlu yayo, nezinceku zayo,

bebhekene nalolu daba, amazibulo ayo ebhubha kanye nawo wonke amazibulo aseGibhithe?”
54 UMose wathi kuye: “Impela umfowenu, nendlu yakhe, nezinceku zaseGibithe abalalelanga amazwi kaJehova; ngalokho behlelwa yilobu bubi.”
55 UFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wasondela kuMose naku-Aroni kanye nabanye abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ababenabo kuleyo ndawo, wabakhuleka, wathi:
56 Sukani nithathe abafowenu, bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abakuleli zwe, nezimvu zabo nezinkomo zabo, nakho konke okungokwabo, abayikushiya lutho olusele, kuphela ngithandazeleni kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.
57 UMose wathi kuFaro: “Bheka, noma uyizibulo likanyoko, ungesabi, ngokuba awuyikufa, ngokuba uJehova ukuyalile ukuba uphile, ukuze akubonise amandla akhe amakhulu nengalo yakhe eyeluliweyo enamandla.”
58 UFaro wayala ukuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahambe, bonke abaseGibhithe baziqinisa ukubathumela, ngokuba bathi: “Sonke siyafa.”
59 Bonke abaseGibhithe bathumela ama-Israyeli, benengcebo enkulu, izimvu nezinkomo nezinto eziyigugu, ngokwesifungo seNkosi phakathi kwakhe nobaba wethu u-Abrahama.
60 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli baphuza ukuphuma ebusuku; abaseGibithe bafika kubo ukuba babakhiphe, bathi kubo: “Singamasela yini ukuba siphume ebusuku na?”
61 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bacela kwabaseGibithe izitsha zesiliva, nezitsha zegolide, nezingubo, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babaphuca abaseGibithe.
62 UMose washesha wasuka, waya emfuleni waseGibithe, wakhuphula ibhokisi likaJosefa lapho, walithatha.
63 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli nabo bakhuphula, yilowo nalowo umphongolo kayise kanye naye, yilowo nalowo umphongolo wesizwe sakubo.

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1 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka eRamesesi baya eSukoti, kungathi amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ahamba ngezinyawo, ngaphandle kwabancane nabafazi babo.
2 Kwenyuka nabo ingxubevange yabantu, nezimvu nezinkomo, nezinkomo eziningi.
3 Ukuhlala kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli abahlala ezweni laseGibithe besebenza kanzima kwakuyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili neshumi.
4 Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamakhulu amabili neshumi, uJehova wabakhipha abantwana bakwa-Israyeli eGibithe ngesandla esinamandla.
5 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka eGibithe, naseGosheni, naseRamesesi, bamisa eSukoti ngosuku lweshumi nanhlanu lwenyanga yokuqala.
6 AbaseGibhithe bangcwaba wonke amazibulo abo uJehova ayebabulele, futhi bonke abaseGibhithe bangcwaba ababuleweyo babo izinsuku ezintathu.
7 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka eSukoti, bamisa amatende e-Ethomu, ekugcineni kwehlane.
8 Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu ngemva kokuba abaseGibhithe bengcwabe amazibulo abo, amadoda amaningi asuka eGibhithe alandela u-Israyeli ukuze awabuyisele eGibhithe, ngoba ayedabuke ngokuthi ayebavumele u-Israyeli ukuba asuke ebugqilini bawo.
9 Omunye wathi kumakhelwane wakhe: “UMose no-Aroni bakhuluma kuFaro, bathi: ‘Siyakuhamba uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu ehlane, sihlabele uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.’
10 Ngakho-ke masivuke ekuseni kakhulu sibabuyisele, kuthi uma bebuyela nathi eGibhithe kumakhosi abo, sizokwazi ukuthi kukhona ukwethembeka kubo; kodwa uma bengabuyi, sizolwa nabo, sibabuyisele ngamandla amakhulu nangesandla esinamandla.
11 Zonke izikhulu zikaFaro zavuka ekuseni, kanye nabo kungathi abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa. Baphuma eGibithe ngalolo suku, bafika endaweni lapho kwakukhona khona abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
12 Bonke abaseGibhithe babona, bheka, uMose no-Aroni nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babehlezi phambi kwePi-Hahiroti, bedla, bephuza, begubha umkhosi kaJehova.
13 Bonke abaseGibhithe bathi kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli: “Nishilo ngempela ukuthi: ‘Sizohamba uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu ehlane, sihlabele uNkulunkulu wethu, bese sibuya.’
14 Manje-ke namuhla sekuyizinsuku ezinhlanu selokhu wahamba, kungani ungabuyeli emakhosini akho?
15 OMose no-Aroni babaphendula bathi: “Ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu ufakazile ngathi, wathi: ‘Anisayikubuyela eGibithe,’ kepha siyakuniyisa ezweni elichichima ubisi noju, njengalokho uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu afunga kokhokho bethu ukusinika lona.’
16 Lapho izikhulu zaseGibhithe zibona ukuthi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abalalelanga, babuyela eGibhithe, bazilungiselela ukulwa no-Israyeli.
17 UJehova waqinisa izinhliziyo zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli phezu kwabaseGibithe, babashaya kakhulu; impi yaba nzima phezu kwabaseGibithe; bonke abaseGibithe babaleka phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ngokuba abaningi babo bafa ngesandla sakwa-Israyeli.
18 Izikhulu zikaFaro zaya eGibhithe, zamtshela uFaro, zathi: “Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babalekile, abasayikubuyela eGibhithe.” UMose no-Aroni bakhuluma nathi ngale ndlela.
19 UFaro wezwa lokhu, inhliziyo yakhe nezinhliziyo zabo bonke abantu bakhe zaphendukela u-Israyeli, baphenduka ngokuthi babemthumile u-Israyeli; bonke abaseGibhithe bacebisa uFaro ukuba alandele abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuze ababuyisele emithwalweni yabo.
20 Bathi yilowo nalowo kumfowabo: “Yini le esiyenzileyo, sakhipha u-Israyeli ebugqilini bethu na?”
21 UJehova waqinisa izinhliziyo zabo bonke abaseGibhithe ukuba baxoshe u-Israyeli, ngokuba uJehova wayefisa ukubachitha abaseGibhithe oLwandle Olubomvu.
22 UFaro wasukuma wabopha inqola yakhe, wayala bonke abaseGibhithe ukuba bahlangane; akusalanga muntu ngaphandle kwabancane nabesifazane.
23 Bonke abaseGibhithe baphuma noFaro ukuxosha abantwana bakwa-Israyeli; ikamu laseGibithe lalilikhulu kakhulu futhi linzima, kungathi amadoda ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi.

24 Lonke leli kamu lahamba laxosha abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuze libabuyisele eGibhithe, bafika kubo bemise amatende ngaseLwandle Olubomvu.
25 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli baphakamisa amehlo abo, babona bonke abaseGibithe bebaxosha; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli besaba kakhulu ngabo; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bakhala kuJehova.
26 Ngenxa yamaGibhithe, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahlukana baba yizigaba ezine, bahlukana ngemibono yabo, ngokuba babesaba amaGibhithe, uMose wakhuluma kubo ngamunye.
27 Isigaba sokuqala sasingesabantwana bakwaRubeni, noSimeyoni, no-Isakare, banquma ukuziphosela elwandle, ngokuba babesaba kakhulu abaseGibithe.
28 UMose wathi kubo: "Ningesabi; yimani nibone insindiso kaJehova azakunenzela yona namuhla."
29 Isigaba sesibili sasingesabantwana bakwaZebuloni, uBenjamini noNafetali, futhi banquma ukubuyela eGibhithe kanye nabaseGibhithe.
30 UMose wathi kubo: "Ningesabi, ngokuba njengalokho nibabonile abaseGibithe namuhla, anisayikubabona naphakade."
31 Isigaba sesithathu sasingesabantwana bakwaJuda noJosefa, futhi banquma ukuya kulwa nabaseGibhithe ukuze balwe nabo.
32 UMose wathi kubo: "Yimani ezindaweni zenu, ngokuba uJehova uzakunilwela, nina nithule."
33 Isigaba sesine sasingabantwana bakaLevi, uGadi, no-Asheri, futhi banquma ukungena phakathi kwabaseGibhithe ukuze babaphazamise, uMose wathi kubo, Hlalani ezindaweni zenu futhi ningesabi, memezani kuphela eNkosini ukuze inisindise ezandleni zabo.
34 Ngemva kwalokho uMose wasuka phakathi kwabantu, wathandaza kuJehova, wathi:
35 Jehova Nkulunkulu womhlaba wonke, sindisa abantu bakho owabakhipha eGibhithe, abaseGibhithe mabangazigqaji ngokuthi amandla namandla kungokwabo.
36 UJehova wathi kuMose: "Ukhalelani kimi na? Khuluma nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuba bahambe, welule induku yakho phezu kolwandle, ulwahlukanise, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bawele kulo."
37 UMose wenza njalo; waphakamisa induku yakhe phezu kolwandle, walwahlukanisa.
38 Amanzi olwandle ahlukaniswa abe yizingxenye eziyishumi nambili, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli badlula ngezinyawo, begqoke izicathulo, njengomuntu odlula endleleni elungisiwe.
39 UJehova wabonakalisa izimangaliso zakhe kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli eGibhithe naselwandle ngesandla sikaMose no-Aroni.
40 Kwathi lapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebengene olwandle, abaseGibhithe babalandela, amanzi olwandle abuyela phezu kwabo, bonke bacwila emanzini, akusalanga muntu ngaphandle kukaFaro, owabonga uJehova futhi wakholwa kuye, ngakho-ke uJehova akamenzanga ukuba abhubhe kanye nabaseGibhithe ngaleso sikhathi.
41 UJehova wayala ingelosi ukuba imthathe phakathi kwabaseGibhithe, abamphosela ezweni laseNineve, wabusa phezu kwalo isikhathi eside.
42 Ngalolo suku uJehova wasindisa u-Israyeli esandleni saseGibhithe, bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babona ukuthi abaseGibhithe babhubhile, futhi babona isandla esikhulu sikaJehova, kulokho ayekwenzile eGibhithe naselwandle.
43 Base behlabelela uMose nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli le ngoma kuJehova mhla uJehova ewisa abaseGibithe phambi kwabo.
44 Wonke u-Israyeli wahlabelela kanyekanye, wathi: "Ngizohlabelela kuJehova, ngokuba uphakeme kakhulu; ihhashi nomgibeli walo ukuphonse elwandle; bheka, kulotshiwe encwadini yomthetho kaNkulunkulu."
45 Ngemva kwalokho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahamba, bamisa eMara; uJehova wabanika abantwana bakwa-Israyeli izimiso nezahlulelo kuleyo ndawo eMara; uJehova wabayala ukuba bahambe ngezindlela zakhe zonke, bamkhonze.
46 Basuka eMara bafika e-Elimi; e-Elimi kwakukhona imithombo yamanzi eyishumi nambili nemithi yamatende angamashumi ayisikhombisa; abantwana bamisa amatende lapho ngasemanzini.
47 Basuka e-Elimi, bafika ehlane laseSini ngosuku lweshumi nanhlanu lwenyanga yesibili emva kokuphuma kwabo eGibithe.
48 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wabanika abantwana bakwa-Israyeli imana ukuba badle, uJehova wanisa ukudla okuvela ezulwini kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli imihla ngemihla.
49 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli badla imana iminyaka engamashumi amane, zonke izinsuku ababesehlane ngazo, baze bafika ezweni laseKhanani ukulidla.
50 Basuka ehlane laseSini, bamisa amatende e-Alushi.
51 Basuka e-Alushi, bamisa eRefidimi.
52 Kwathi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebeseRefidimi, u-Amaleki indodana ka-Elifazi, indodana ka-Esawu, umfowabo kaSefo, weza ukulwa no-Israyeli.
53 Waletha amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili nanye, izanusi nabathakathi, walungiselela impi no-Israyeli eRefidimi.
54 Balwa impi enkulu nenzima no-Israyeli, uJehova wanikela u-Amaleki nabantu bakhe esandleni sikaMose nakwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, nasesandleni sikaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, um-Efrayimi, inceku kaMose.
55 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bashaya u-Amaleki nabantu bakhe ngosiko lwenkemba, kepha impi yaba nzima kakhulu kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
56 UJehova wathi kuMose: "Loba lokhu encwadini kube yisikhumbuzo, ukubeke esandleni sikaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku yakho, uyale abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, uthi: 'Nxa nifika ezweni laseKhanani, niyakuqeda ukukhunjulwa kuka-Amaleki phansi kwezulu.'
57 UMose wenza kanjalo, wathatha incwadi, wabhala phezu kwayo la mazwi, ethi:
58 Khumbula lokho u-Amaleki akwenzele khona endleleni lapho uphuma eGibhithe.
59 Owakuhlangabeza endleleni washaya ingemuva lakho, ngisho nalabo ababebuthakathaka ngemuva kwakho lapho ukhathele futhi ukhathele.
60 Ngakho-ke kuyakuthi lapho uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho esekuphumuzile kuzo zonke izitha zakho nxazonke ezweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona njengefa lakho, usule ukukhunjulwa kuka-Amaleki phansi kwezulu, ungakukhohlwa.

61 Futhi inkosi ezoba nesihawu ku-Amaleki, noma ngenkumbulo yakhe noma enzalweni yakhe, bhekani ngizoyifuna kuye, futhi ngizomnquma phakathi kwabantu bakhe.
62 UMose wabhala zonke lezi zinto encwadini, wayala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngazo zonke lezi zindaba.

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1 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka eRefidimi, bamisa ehlane laseSinayi ngenyanga yesithathu, kusukela ekuphumeni kwabo eGibithe.
2 Ngaleso sikhathi kwafika uRehuweli wakwaMidiyani, umukhwe kaMose, kanye nendodakazi yakhe uZipora namadodana akhe amabili, ngokuba wayezwile ngezimangaliso zikaJehova ayezenzele u-Israyeli, ngokubakhulula esandleni saseGibithe.
3 URehuweli wafika kuMose ehlane lapho ayemise khona ikamu, lapho kwakukhona intaba kaNkulunkulu.
4 UMose waphuma ukuyomhlangabeza umukhwe wakhe ngodumo olukhulu, u-Israyeli wonke wayenaye.
5 URehuweli nabantwana bakhe bahlala phakathi kwama-Israyeli izinsuku eziningi, uRehuweli wayazi iNkosi kusukela ngalolo suku kuqhubeke.
6 Ngenyanga yesithathu kusukela ekuphumeni kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli eGibhithe, ngosuku lwesithupha lwalo, uJehova wanika u-Israyeli imiyalo eyishumi eNtabeni iSinayi.
7 Wonke u-Israyeli wayizwa yonke le miyalo, wonke u-Israyeli wajabula kakhulu kuJehova ngalolo suku.
8 Inkazimulo kaJehova yahlala eNtabeni iSinayi, wambiza uMose; uMose weza phakathi kwefu, wakhuphukela entabeni.
9 UMose wayesentabeni izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane; akadlanga sinkwa, akaphuzanga manzi; uJehova wamfundisa izimiso nezahlulelo ukuze afundise abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
10 INkosi yabhala imiyalelo eyishumi eyayiyale abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezibhebheni ezimbili zamatshe, eyanika uMose ukuba ayale abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
11 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane, lapho uJehova eseqedile ukukhuluma noMose entabeni yaseSinayi, uJehova wamnika izibhebhe zamatshe, zilotshwe ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu.
12 Kwathi lapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bebona ukuthi uMose ulibele ukwehla entabeni, babuthana ku-Aroni, bathi: “Lo muntu uMose asazi ukuthi wehlelwe yini.”
13 Ngakho-ke vuka, usenzele unkulunkulu ohamba phambi kwethu, ukuze ungafi.
14 U-Aroni wesaba kakhulu abantu, wabe esebayala ukuba bamlethele igolide, wabe esenza ithole elibunjiweyo labantu.
15 UJehova wathi kuMose, engakehli entabeni: “Yehla, ngokuba abantu bakho owabakhipha eGibithe bonakalisile.”
16 Bazenzele ithole elibunjiweyo, balikhothamela; ngalokho suka kimi, ukuze ngibaqede emhlabeni, ngokuba bangabantu abantamo ilukhuni.
17 UMose wancenga uJehova, wathandazela abantu kuJehova ngenxa yethole ababelenzile; wayesehla entabeni, ephethe izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe, uNkulunkulu ayemnike zona ukuba ayale ama-Israyeli.
18 Kwathi uMose esesondela ekamu, wabona ithole abantu ababelenzile, intukuthelo kaMose yavutha, wawaphula amabhebhe angaphansi kwentaba.
19 UMose wafika ekamu, wathatha ithole, walishisa ngomlilo, walicola laze laba uthuli olucolekileyo, walithululela emanzini, walinika abakwa-Israyeli ukuba baphuze.
20 Kwafa abantu ngenkemba yomunye nomunye, amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezintathu abenza ithole.
21 Ngakusasa uMose wathi kubantu: “Ngizokhuphukela kuJehova, mhlawumbe ngingenza ukubuyisana ngezono zenu enizonile kuJehova.”
22 UMose wakhuphukela kuJehova futhi, wahlala noJehova izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane.
23 Phakathi nezinsuku ezingamashumi amane uMose wancenga uJehova ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, uJehova wezwa umkhuleko kaMose, uJehova wancenga ngenxa yabakwa-Israyeli.
24 Khona-ke uJehova wakhuluma kuMose ukuba abaze izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe, aziyise kuJehova, yena owayezobhala kuzo imiyalelo eyishumi.
25 UMose wenza njalo, wehla, waqopha izibhebhe ezimbili, wakhuphukela eNtabeni iSinayi kuJehova, uJehova waloba imiyalo eyishumi ezibhebheni.
26 UMose wahlala noJehova izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane, uJehova wamfundisa izimiso nezahlulelo ukuba azinike u-Israyeli.
27 UJehova wamyala ngabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuba bakhele uJehova indlu engcwele, ukuze igama lakhe lihlale kuyo; uJehova wambonisa umfanekiso wendlu engcwele kanye nomfanekiso wazo zonke izitsha zayo.
28 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku ezingamashumi amane, uMose wehla entabeni nezibhebhe ezimbili esandleni sakhe.
29 UMose wafika kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wabatshela onke amazwi kaJehova, wabafundisa imithetho, nezimiso, nezahlulelo uJehova ayemfundise zona.
30 UMose watshela abantwana bakwa-Israyeli izwi likaJehova, ukuthi kufanele enzelwe indlu engcwele ukuba ahlale phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
31 Abantu bathokoza kakhulu ngakho konke okuhle uJehova akukhulumile kubo ngoMose, bathi: “Siyakukwenza konke uJehova akukhulumile kuwe.”
32 Abantu basukuma njengomuntu oyedwa, banikela ngeminikelo yomusa endlini engcwele kaJehova, yilowo nalowo waletha umnikelo kaJehova ngomsebenzi wendlu engcwele, nowenkonzo yayo yonke.
33 Bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli baletha, yilowo nalowo kubo bonke okwafunyanwa kuye, kube ngokomsebenzi wendlu engcwele kaJehova, igolide, nesiliva, nethusi, nakho konke okwakufanele indlu engcwele.
34 Bonke abahlakaniphileyo ababesebenza kahle beza benza indlu engcwele kaJehova, njengakho konke uJehova ayekuyalile, yilowo nalowo emsebenzini wakhe ayewenzile; bonke abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni benza indlu engcwele, nempahla yayo, nazo zonke izitsha zenkonzo engcwele, njengalokho uJehova ayemyalile uMose.

35 Umsebenzi wendlu engcwele yetabernakele waphela ekupheleni kwezinyanga ezinhlanu, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza konke uJehova ayemyale ngakho uMose.
36 Baletha indlu engcwele nazo zonke izinto zayo kuMose; njengomfanekiso uJehova awubonise uMose, benze njalo nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
37 UMose wabona umsebenzi, bheka, bawenza njengalokho uJehova ayemyalile; uMose wababusisa.

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1 Ngenyanga yeshumi nambili, ngosuku lwamashumi amabili nantathu lwenyanga, uMose wathatha u-Aroni namadodana akhe, wabagqokisa izingubo zabo, wabagcoba, wenza kubo njengalokho uJehova ayemyalile; uMose waletha yonke iminikelo uJehova ayemyalile ngayo ngalolo suku.
2 UMose wayesethatha u-Aroni namadodana akhe, wathi kubo: "Niyakuhlala emnyango wetabernakele izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, ngokuba ngiyaliwe kanjalo."
3 U-Aroni namadodana akhe benza konke uJehova ayebayale ngakho ngesandla sikaMose; bahlala emnyango wetabernakele izinsuku eziyisikhombisa.
4 Ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala, ngonyaka wesibili kusukela ekuphumeni kwama-Israyeli eGibhithe, uMose wamisa indlu engcwele, uMose wamisa yonke impahla yetabernakele nayo yonke impahla yendlu engcwele, wenza konke uJehova ayemyale ngakho.
5 UMose wabiza u-Aroni namadodana akhe, baletha umnikelo wokushiswa nomnikelo wesono wabo nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, njengalokho uJehova emyalile uMose.
6 Ngalolo suku amadodana amabili ka-Aroni, uNadabi no-Abihu, athatha umlilo ongafanele awuletha phambi kukaJehova owayengabayalanga, kwaphuma umlilo phambi kukaJehova, wabaqeda, bafa phambi kukaJehova ngalolo suku.
7 Kwathi ngosuku uMose aqeda ngalo ukwakha indlu engcwele, izikhulu zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli zaqala ukuletha iminikelo yazo phambi kukaJehova yokwahlukaniselwa kwe-altare.
8 Baletha iminikelo yabo, isikhulu ngasinye ngosuku olulodwa, isikhulu esisodwa usuku ngalunye izinsuku eziyishumi nambili.
9 Yonke iminikelo abayilethayo, yilowo nalowo ngosuku lwakhe, isitsha sesiliva esisodwa esinobunzima obungamashekeli ayikhulu namashumi amathathu, nesitsha sesiliva esisodwa esingamashekeli angamashumi ayisikhombisa ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, zombili zigcwele ufulawa ocolekileyo, oxutshwe namafutha njengomnikelo wempuphu.
10 Isipuni esisodwa, esinobunzima obungamashekeli ayishumi egolide, sigcwele impepho.
11 inkunzi encane, inqama eyodwa, newundlu elilodwa lonyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokushiswa.
12 Nezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono.
13 Okomhlatshelo wokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, izinqama ezinhlanu, izimpongo ezinhlanu, namawundlu amahlanu ezimvu aneminyaka eyishumi nambili ubudala.
14 Benza kanjalo izikhulu eziyishumi nambili zakwa-Israyeli imihla ngemihla, yileso naleso ngosuku lwaso.
15 Kwathi emva kwalokho, ngosuku lweshumi nantathu lwenyanga, uMose wayala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuba bagcine iPhasika.
16 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bagcina iphasika ngesikhathi salo ngosuku lweshumi nane lwenyanga, njengalokho uJehova emyalile uMose, benze njalo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
17 Ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lokuqala lwayo, uJehova wakhuluma kuMose, wathi:
18 Bala izinhloko zabo bonke abesilisa babantwana bakwa-Israyeli kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, wena no-Aroni umfowenu, nezikhulu eziyishumi nambili zakwa-Israyeli.
19 UMose wenza kanjalo; u-Aroni wafika nezikhulu eziyishumi nambili zakwa-Israyeli, babala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ehlane laseSinayi.
20 Inani labantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngezindlu zawoyise, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, laliyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha nantathu namakhulu amahlanu namashumi ayisihlanu.
21 Kodwa abantwana bakwaLevi ababalwanga phakathi kwabafowabo, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
22 Inani labo bonke abesilisa babantwana bakwa-Israyeli kusukela kwabanenyanga kuya phezulu laliyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili namakhulu amabili namashumi ayisikhombisa nantathu.
23 Inani labantwana bakwaLevi kusukela kwabanenyanga eyodwa kuya phezulu laliyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili.
24 UMose wabeka abapristi namaLevi, kwaba yilowo nalowo emsebenzini wakhe nasemthwalweni wakhe, ukukhonza endlini engcwele yetabernakele, njengalokho uJehova emyalile uMose.
25 Ngosuku lwamashumi amabili lwenyanga ifu lasuswa etabernakele lobufakazi.
26 Ngaleso sikhathi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahamba besuka ehlane laseSinayi; bahamba uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu; ifu lahlala ehlane lasePharanu; intukuthelo kaJehova yavuthela u-Israyeli lapho, ngokuba bamthukuthelisa uJehova ngokucela kuye ukudla, ukuze badle.
27 UJehova walalela izwi labo, wabanika ukudla abakudla inyanga yonke.
28 Kodwa ngemva kwalokho intukuthelo kaJehova yabavuthela, wababulala ngokubulala okukhulu, bangcwatshwa lapho kuleyo ndawo.
29 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli baqamba leyo ndawo ngokuthi iKebroti Hattaava, ngokuba bambela khona abantu abafisa inyama.
30 Basuka eKebroti Hathawa, bamisa eHazeroti ehlane lasePharanu.
31 Kwathi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli beseHazeroti, intukuthelo kaJehova yamvuthela uMiriyamu ngenxa kaMose, waba nochoko, waba mhlophe njengeqhwa.
32 Wavalelwa ngaphandle kwekamu izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, waze wamukelwa futhi ngemva kochoko lwakhe.
33 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka eHazeroti, bamisa emaphethelweni endawo yasehlane lasePharanu.

34 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wakhuluma kuMose ukuba athume amadoda ayishumi nambili kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, indoda eyodwa esizweni ngasinye, ukuba aye kuhlola izwe laseKhanani.
35 UMose wathuma lawo madoda ayishumi nambili, afika ezweni laseKhanani ukuyohlola nokulihlola; ahlola izwe lonke kusukela ehlane laseSini kuze kube seRekhobi, uze ufike eHamoti.
36 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku ezingamashumi amane bafika kuMose no-Aroni, bamtshela njengoba kwakusezinhliziyweni zabo, kwathi amadoda ayishumi aletha umbiko omubi kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngezwe ababelihlolile, ethi: "Kungcono kithi ukubuyela eGibhithe kunokuya kuleli zwe, izwe elidla izakhamuzi zalo."
37 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni noKalebi indodana kaJefune ababephakathi kwabahlola izwe bathi: "Izwe lihle kakhulu."
38 Uma uJehova esithanda, uyakusiyisa kuleli zwe, asinike lona, ngokuba liyizwe elichichima ubisi noju.
39 Kodwa abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abazange babalalele, kodwa balalela amazwi amadoda ayishumi ayelethe umbiko omubi ngezwe.
40 UJehova wezwa ukukhononda kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wathukuthela, wafunga, wathi:
41 Ngokuqinisekile akekho noyedwa walesi sizukulwane esibi ozobona izwe kusukela eminyakeni engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu ngaphandle kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune noJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.
42 Kodwa ngokuqinisekile lesi sizukulwane esibi sizoshabalala kuleli hlane, futhi abantwana baso bazofika ezweni futhi balidle; ngakho intukuthelo kaJehova yavutha ku-Israyeli, wababangela ukuba bazulazule ehlane iminyaka engamashumi amane kwaze kwaba sekupheleni kwaleso sizukulwane esibi, ngoba abazange bamlandele uJehova.
43 Abantu bahlala ehlane lasePharanu isikhathi eside, baze bahamba baya ehlane ngendlela eya eLwandle Olubomvu.

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1 Ngaleso sikhathi uKora indodana kaJetseri, indodana kaKehati, indodana kaLevi, wathatha amadoda amaningi kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli; bavuka, balwa noMose no-Aroni kanye nenhlangano yonke.
2 UJehova wabathukuthelela, umhlaba wavula umlomo wawo, wabagwinya, nezindlu zabo, nakho konke okwabo, nabo bonke abantu bakaKora.
3 Ngemva kwalokho uNkulunkulu wabaqondisa abantu ngendlela yaseNtabeni iSeyiri isikhathi eside.
4 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wathi kuMose: "Ningavusi impi nabantwana bakwa-Esawu, ngokuba angiyikuninika lutho olungolwabo, ngisho noma unyawo lunganyathela phezu kwalo; ngokuba ngimnikile u-Esawu iNtaba iSeyiri njengefa."
5 Ngakho-ke abantwana bakwa-Esawu balwa nabantwana bakwaSeyiri ezikhathini zasendulo, uJehova wanikela abantwana bakwaSeyiri esandleni sabantwana bakwa-Esawu, wababhubhisa phambi kwabo; abantwana bakwa-Esawu bahlala esikhundleni sabo kuze kube namuhla.
6 Ngakho uJehova wathi kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli: "Ningalwi nabantwana bakwa-Esawu abafowenu, ngokuba akukho lutho ezweni labo olungolwenu; ningathenga ukudla kubo ngemali, nikudle, nithenge namanzi kubo ngemali, niwaphuze."
7 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza njengezwi likaJehova.
8 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahamba ehlane, bezungeza ngendlela yaseNtabeni iSinayi isikhathi eside, abathintanga abantwana bakwa-Esawu; bahlala kuleyo ndawo iminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalolunye.
9 Ngaleso sikhathi uLatinusi inkosi yabantwana baseKitimi wafa, ngonyaka wamashumi amane nanhlanu wokubusa kwakhe, okungumnyaka weshumi nane wokuphuma kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli eGibhithe.
10 Bamngcwaba endaweni yakhe ayezakhele yona ezweni laseKitimi; u-Abhimna wabusa esikhundleni sakhe iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili.
11 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli badlula umkhawulo wabantwana bakwa-Esawu ngalezo zinsuku, ekupheleni kweminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalolunye, bafika badlula ngendlela yasehlane lakwaMowabi.
12 UJehova wathi kuMose: "Ningavimbezeli abakwaMowabi, ningalwi nabo, ngokuba angiyikuninika lutho lwezwe labo."
13 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli badlula ngendlela yasehlane lakwaMowabi iminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalolunye, kodwa abazange balwe nabo.
14 Ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesithupha wokuphuma kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli eGibithe, uJehova wamshaya uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, walwa, waphuma ukuyolwa nabantwana bakwaMowabi.
15 USihoni wathuma izithunywa kuBeyori indodana kaJaneya, indodana kaBalami, umeluleki wenkosi yaseGibithe, nakuBalami indodana yakhe, ukuba baqalekise uMowabi, ukuze anikelwe esandleni sikaSihoni.
16 Izithunywa zahamba zamlanda uBeyori indodana kaJaneya, nendodana yakhe uBileyamu, besuka ePethori eMesopotamiya; uBeyori nendodana yakhe uBileyamu bafika emzini kaSihoni, baqalekisa uMowabi nenkosi yabo phambi kukaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori.
17 USihoni waphuma nempi yakhe yonke, waya kwaMowabi, walwa nabo, wabanqoba; uJehova wabanikela esandleni sakhe; uSihoni wabulala inkosi yakwaMowabi.
18 USihoni wathatha yonke imizi yakwaMowabi empini; wathatha neHeshiboni kuyo, ngokuba iHeshiboni lalingomunye wemizi yakwaMowabi; uSihoni wabeka izikhulu zakhe nezikhulu zakhe eHeshiboni, iHeshiboni lalingelikaSihoni ngalezo zinsuku.
19 Ngakho-ke izikhulumi zemifanekiso uBeyori noBileyamu indodana yakhe bakhuluma lawa mazwi, bathi: "Wozani eHeshiboni, umuzi kaSihoni uyakwakhiwa, umiswe."
20 Maye kuwe Mowabi! Nilahlekile, nina bantu baseKemoshi! bhekani kulotshiwe encwadini yomthetho kaNkulunkulu.
21 Kwathi uSihoni esenqobe uMowabi, wabeka abalindi emizini ayeyithathile kwaMowabi, kwathi inani elikhulu labantwana bakwaMowabi lawela empini esandleni sikaSihoni, wabathumba kakhulu, amadodana namadodakazi, wabulala inkosi yabo; ngakho uSihoni wabuyela ezweni lakhe.

22 USihoni wanika uBeyori nendodana yakhe uBhalami izipho eziningi zesiliva negolide, wabamukisa, baya eMesopotamiya, ezweni lakubo nasezweni lakubo.
23 Ngaleso sikhathi bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli badlula endleleni yasehlane lakwaMowabi, babuya, bazungeza ihlane lakwa-Edomi.
24 Ngakho-ke lonke ibandla lafika ehlane laseSini ngenyanga yokuqala yonyaka wamashumi amane besuka eGibhithe, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahlala eKadeshi, ehlane laseSini; uMiriyamu wafela khona, wangcwatshwa khona.
25 Ngaleso sikhathi uMose wathuma izithunywa kuHadadi inkosi yakwa-Edomi, wathi: "Usho kanje umfowenu u-Israyeli, uthi: 'Ake ngidabule izwe lakho; asiyikudabula ensimini noma esivinini, asiyikuphuza amanzi omthombo; siyakuhamba endleleni yenkosi.'
26 U-Edomi wathi kuye: "Awuyikudabula izwe lami." U-Edomi waphuma ukuyohlangabeza abantwana bakwa-Israyeli nabantu abanamandla.
27 Abantwana bakwa-Esawu benqaba ukuvumela abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuba badabule ezweni labo, ngakho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka kubo, ababalwanga nabo.
28 Ngoba ngaphambi kwalokhu uJehova wayebayalile abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wathi: "Aniyikulwa nabantwana bakwa-Esawu," ngalokho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka kubo, abalwanga nabo.
29 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka eKadeshi; bonke abantu bafika eNtabeni yaseHori.
30 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wathi kuMose: "Tshela umfowenu u-Aroni ukuthi uyakufela lapho, ngokuba akayikungena ezweni engilinike abantwana bakwa-Israyeli."
31 U-Aroni wakhuphukela entabeni yaseHori ngesiyalezo sikaJehova ngomnyaka wamashumi amane ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga.
32 U-Aroni wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nantathu ubudala lapho efela eNtabeni iHori.

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1 Kwathi inkosi yase-Aradi, umKhanani, eyayihlala eningizimu, yezwa ukuthi ama-Israyeli ayeze ngendlela yezinhloli, yahlela amabutho ayo ukuba alwe nama-Israyeli.
2 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bamesaba kakhulu, ngokuba wayenempi enkulu nenzima; ngakho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli banquma ukubuyela eGibithe.
3 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babuyela emuva, ibanga lezinsuku ezintathu, baya eMaserati, indodana kaJakhoni, ngokuba babesaba kakhulu inkosi yase-Aradi.
4 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abavumanga ukubuyela ezindaweni zabo, ngakho bahlala eBeni Jakoni izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu.
5 Lapho abantwana bakwaLevi bebona ukuthi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abaphenduki, baba nomhawu ngenxa kaJehova, bavuka balwa nabafowabo bakwa-Israyeli, babulala abantu abaningi kubo, babaphoqa ukuba babuyele endaweni yabo, eNtabeni yaseHori.
6 Kwathi sebebuyile, inkosi u-Aradi yayisahlela ibutho layo ukuze ilwe nama-Israyeli.
7 U-Israyeli wenza isifungo, wathi: "Uma unikela laba bantu esandleni sami, ngiyakuchitha imizi yabo."
8 UJehova walilalela izwi lika-Israyeli, wanikela amaKhanani esandleni sabo, wawachitha kanye nemizi yawo; waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi iHorma.
9 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka eNtabeni yaseHori, bamisa amatende e-Oboti; basuka e-Oboti, bamisa amatende e-Iye-abarimi, emngceleni wakwaMowabi.
10 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bathumela kuMowabi, bathi: "Masidabule izwe lakho siye endaweni yethu, kepha abantwana bakwaMowabi abavumanga ukuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli badabule izwe labo, ngokuba abantwana bakwaMowabi babesaba kakhulu funa abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benze kubo njengalokho uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori akwenzile kubo, owathatha izwe labo, wabulala abaningi kubo."
11 Ngakho uMowabi akabavumelanga u-Israyeli ukuba adabule ezweni lakhe; uJehova wayala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wathi: "Akufanele balwe noMowabi." Ngakho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka kwaMowabi.
12 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka emkhawulweni wakwaMowabi, bafika ngaphesheya kwe-Arinoni, umkhawulo wakwaMowabi, phakathi kukaMowabi nama-Amori, bamisa emkhawulweni kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, ehlane laseKedemoti.
13 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bathuma izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, bathi:
14 Masidabule izwe lakho, asiyikuphendukela emasimini noma ezivinini, siyakuhamba ngomgwaqo wenkosi size sidlule umkhawulo wakho, kepha uSihoni akavumanga ukuba u-Israyeli adlule.
15 USihoni wabutha bonke abantu bama-Amori, waphuma waya ehlane ukuyohlangabeza abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, walwa no-Israyeli eJahasi.
16 UJehova wanikela uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori esandleni sabantwana bakwa-Israyeli; u-Israyeli wabulala bonke abantu bakaSihoni ngosiko lwenkemba, waphindisela udaba lukaMowabi.
17 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli badla izwe likaSihoni kusukela e-Aramu kuze kube seJabuki, labantwana bakwa-Amoni, bathatha yonke impango yemizi.
18 U-Israyeli wathatha yonke le mizi, wahlala emizini yonke yama-Amori.
19 Bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli banquma ukulwa nabantwana bakwa-Amoni, bathathe izwe labo.
20 UJehova wathi kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli: "Ningabavimbezeli abantwana bakwa-Amoni, ningabavuseli impi, ngokuba angiyikuninika lutho ezweni labo." Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli balilalela izwi likaJehova, abalwa nabantwana bakwa-Amoni.
21 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli baphenduka, bakhuphuka ngendlela yaseBashani, baya ezweni lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBashani; u-Ogi inkosi yaseBashani waphuma ukuyohlangabeza u-Israyeli empini, enamadoda amaningi anamandla, nebutho elinamandla kakhulu labantwana bama-Amori.
22 Futhi u-Ogi inkosi yaseBashani wayeyindoda enamandla kakhulu, kodwa indodana yakhe uNaaroni yayinamandla kakhulu, inamandla kakhulu kunaye.
23 U-Ogi wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: "Bheka, lonke ikamu lakwa-Israyeli lithatha izigaba ezintathu, manje ngiyakubabulala kanyekanye ngaphandle kwenkemba nomkhonto."

24 U-Ogi wakhuphukela eNtabeni iJahazi, wathatha itshe elikhulu kulo, ubude balo babungama-parsa amathathu, walibeka ekhanda lakhe, wanquma ukuliphonsa ekamu labantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ukuze ashaye bonke abakwa-Israyeli ngalelo tshe.
25 Ingelosi yeNkosi yafika yahlaba itshe ekhanda lika-Ogi, itshe lawela entanyeni ka-Ogi owawela phansi ngenxa yesisindo setshe entanyeni yakhe.
26 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wathi kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli: "Ningamesabi, ngokuba ngimnikele esandleni senu yena nabantu bakhe bonke nezwe lakhe lonke; wena uyakwenza kuye njengalokho wenza kuSihoni."
27 UMose wehlela kuye nenani elincane labantwana bakwa-Israyeli, uMose washaya u-Ogi ngenduku emaqakaleni ezinyawo zakhe wambulala.
28 Ngemva kwalokho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli baxosha abantwana bakwa-Ogi nabo bonke abantu bakhe, babashaya, bababhubhisa kwaze kwangasala muntu kubo.
29 Ngemva kwalokho uMose wathuma abanye kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuba bayohlola iJazeri, ngoba iJazeri yayingumuzi odumile kakhulu.
30 Izinhloli zaya eJazeri zalihlola, izinhloli zathembela kuJehova, zalwa namadoda aseJazeri.
31 Laba bantu bathatha iJazeri nemizana yalo; uJehova wabanikela esandleni sabo, baxosha ama-Amori ayelapho.
32 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bathatha izwe lamakhosi amabili ama-Amori, imizi engamashumi ayisithupha engaphesheya kweJordani, kusukela emfudlaneni i-Arinoni kuze kube seNtabeni iHermoni.
33 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahamba, bafika ethafeni lakwaMowabi elingaphesheya kweJordani ngaseJeriko.
34 Abantwana bakwaMowabi bezwa konke okubi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abakwenzile emakhosini amabili ama-Amori, kuSihoni naku-Ogi; bonke abantu bakwaMowabi besaba kakhulu ngenxa ka-Israyeli.
35 Amalunga akwaMowabi athi: "Bhekani, amakhosi amabili ama-Amori, uSihoni no-Ogi, ayenamandla kunawo onke amakhosi omhlaba, awakwazanga ukumelana nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli; pho, singama kanjani phambi kwabo na?"
36 Ngokuqinisekile basithumelele isigijimi ngaphambili ukuthi sidlule ezweni lethu endleleni yabo, futhi asizange sibavumele, manje bazosiphendukela ngezinkemba zabo ezinzima basibhubhise; uMowabi wadabuka ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, futhi babesaba kakhulu ngabo, base becebisana ngalokho okwakumelwe kwenziwe kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
37 Amalunga akwaMowabi anquma, athatha omunye wabantu babo, uBalaki indodana kaSipori, umMowabi, ambeka inkosi phezu kwabo ngaleso sikhathi; uBalaki wayeyindoda ehlakaniphile kakhulu.
38 Amalunga akwaMowabi asuka, athumela kubantwana bakwaMidiyani ukuba benze ukuthula nabo, ngokuba kwakukhona impi enkulu nobutha ngalezo zinsuku phakathi kukaMowabi noMidiyani, kusukela ezinsukwini zikaHadadi indodana kaBedadi, inkosi yakwa-Edomi, owanqoba abakwaMidiyani ezweni lakwaMowabi, kuze kube namuhla.
39 Abantwana bakwaMowabi bathumela kubantwana bakwaMidiyani, benza ukuthula nabo; amalunga akwaMidiyani afika ezweni lakwaMowabi ukuyokwenza ukuthula ngenxa yabantwana bakwaMidiyani.
40 Amalunga akwaMowabi acebisana namalunga akwaMidiyani ngalokho okufanele akwenze ukuze asindise ukuphila kwawo ku-Israyeli.
41 Bonke abantwana bakwaMowabi bathi kumalunga akwaMidiyani: "Manje abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bayakukhotha konke okusizungezileyo, njengenkabi ikhotha utshani basendle, ngokuba benze njalo emakhosini amabili ama-Amori anamandla kunathi."
42 Abadala bakwaMidiyani bathi kuMowabi: "Sizwile ukuthi ngesikhathi uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori elwa nani, lapho enahlula, wathatha izwe lenu, wathumela kuBeyori indodana kaJaneya nakuBileyamu indodana yakhe bevela eMesopotamiya, bafika baniqalekisa; ngalokho isandla sikaSihoni saba namandla phezu kwenu, wathatha izwe lenu."
43 Ngakho-ke thumela kuBhalami indodana yakhe, ngoba usesezweni lakhe, umnike inkokhelo yakhe, ukuze eze aqalekise bonke abantu obesabayo; ngakho abadala bakwaMowabi bezwa le nto, kwaba kuhle kubo ukuthumela kuBhalami indodana kaBeyori.
44 UBalaki indodana kaSipori, inkosi yakwaMowabi, wathuma izithunywa kuBileyamu, wathi:
45 Bheka, kukhona isizwe esiphumile eGibhithe, bheka, simboze ubuso bomhlaba, futhi sihlala phambi kwami.
46 Ngakho woza manje, ungiqalekisele laba bantu, ngokuba banamandla kunami; mhlawumbe ngingabanqoba ukulwa nabo, ngibaxoshe, ngokuba ngizwile ukuthi lowo obusisayo ubusisiwe, nalowo omqalekisayo uqalekisiwe.
47 Ngakho izithunywa zikaBalaki zaya kuBalami, zamletha uBalami ukuba aqalekise abantu ukuba balwe noMowabi.
48 UBalami weza kuBalaki ukuqalekisa u-Israyeli; uJehova wathi kuBalami: "Ungabaqalekisi laba bantu, ngokuba babusisiwe."
49 UBalaki wanxusa uBalami imihla ngemihla ukuba aqalekise u-Israyeli, kodwa uBalami akamlalelanga uBalaki ngenxa yezwi likaJehova alikhuluma kuBalami.
50 Lapho uBalaki ebona ukuthi uBalami wayengafuni ukwamukela isifiso sakhe, wasukuma wahamba waya ekhaya, noBalami naye wabuyela ezweni lakhe, wasuka lapho waya kwaMidiyani.
51 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli basuka emathafeni akwaMowabi, bamisa ngaseJordani kusukela eBeti Jeshimoti kuze kube se-Abela Shithimi ekugcineni kwamathafa akwaMowabi.
52 Kwathi lapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli behlala ethafeni laseShithimi, baqala ukufeba namadodakazi akwaMowabi.
53 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebesondele kwaMowabi, abantwana bakwaMowabi bamisa amatende abo phambi kwekamu labantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
54 Abantwana bakwaMowabi babesaba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli; abantwana bakwaMowabi bathatha onke amadodakazi abo nabafazi babo abahle nababukeka kahle, babagqokisa ngegolide, nesiliva, nezingubo ezibizayo.
55 Abantwana bakwaMowabi babahlalisa labo besifazane emnyango wamatende abo, ukuze abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bababone futhi baphendukele kubo, bangalwi noMowabi.

56 Bonke abantwana bakwaMowabi benza lokhu kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, yilowo nalowo wabeka umkabo nendodakazi yakhe emnyango wetende lakhe, bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babona isenzo sabantwana bakwaMowabi, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli baphendukela emadodakazini akwaMowabi, bawafisa, baya kuwo.
57 Kwathi lapho umHebheru efika emnyango wetende lakwaMowabi, ebona indodakazi yakwaMowabi, wayifisa enhliziyweni yakhe, wakhuluma nayo emnyango wetende lokho ayekufuna, ngesikhathi besakhuluma ndawonye amadoda etende ayephuma akhulume nomHebheru kanje:
58 Ngokuqinisekile niyazi ukuthi singabazalwane, sonke siyinzalo kaLoti nenzalo ka-Abrahama umfowabo, pho kungani ningahlali nathi, futhi kungani ningadli isinkwa sethu nemihlatshelo yethu?
59 Kwathi lapho abantwana bakwaMowabi sebemcindezele kangaka ngezinkulumo zabo, futhi bemheha ngamazwi abo athophayo, bamhlalisa etendeni, bamphekela futhi bamhlabela, wadla umhlatshelo wabo nesinkwa sabo.
60 Base bemnika iwayini, waphuza, wadakwa, bamnika intombi enhle, wenza kuyo lokho akuthandayo, ngoba wayengazi ukuthi wenzani, njengoba ayephuze iwayini elningi.
61 Abantwana bakwaMowabi benze njalo ku-Israyeli kuleyo ndawo, ethafeni laseShithimi; intukuthelo kaJehova yavutha ku-Israyeli ngenxa yale ndaba, wathumela isifo phakathi kwabo; kwafa abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane kwabakwa-Israyeli.
62 Kwakukhona umuntu wabantwana bakwaSimeyoni ogama lakhe lalinguZimri, indodana kaSalu, owazihlanganisa noCosbi wakwaMidiyani, indodakazi kaSuri, inkosi yakwaMidiyani, emehlweni abo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
63 UFinehasi indodana ka-Elazeri, indodana ka-Aroni umpristi, esebonile le nto embi uZimri ayeyenzile, wathatha umkhonto, wavuka wabalandela, wabagwaza bobabili, wababulala; isifo saphela kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

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1 Ngaleso sikhathi emva kwesifo uJehova wakhuluma kuMose naku-Elazeri indodana ka-Aroni umpristi, wathi:
2 Bala izinhloko zenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi.
3 UMose no-Elazeri babala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngemindeni yabo; inani labo bonke abakwa-Israyeli laliyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa namakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amathathu.
4 Inani labantwana bakwaLevi, kusukela kwabanenyanga eyodwa kuya phezulu, laliyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nantathu; phakathi kwalaba kwakungekho muntu kulabo ababalwe nguMose no-Aroni ehlane laseSinayi.
5 Ngokuba uJehova wayebatshelile ukuthi bazofela ehlane, bafa bonke, akusalanga noyedwa kubo ngaphandle kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune noJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.
6 Kwathi emva kwalokho uJehova wathi kuMose: "Yisho kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuba baphindisele kwaMidiyani ngenxa yabafowabo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli."
7 UMose wenza kanjalo; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bakhetha phakathi kwabo amadoda ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, inkulungwane ngesizwe, baya kwaMidiyani.
8 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli balwa nabakwaMidiyani, babulala bonke abesilisa, nezikhulu ezinhlanu zakwaMidiyani; babulala noBileyamu indodana kaBeyori ngenkemba.
9 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bathumba abafazi bakwaMidiyani, nezingane zabo, nezinkomo zabo, nakho konke okwabo.
10 Bathatha yonke impango nayo yonke impango, bayiletha kuMose naku-Elazeri emathafeni akwaMowabi.
11 UMose no-Elazeri nazo zonke izikhulu zenhlangano baphuma ukuyobahlangabeza ngenjabulo.
12 Base behlukanisa yonke impango yakwaMidiyani, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli base bephindiselelwe kwaMidiyani ngenxa yabafowabo, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

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1 Ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wathi kuMose: "Bheka izinsuku zakho sezisondele ekupheleni; thatha uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni inceku yakho, umbeke etendeni lokuhlangana, mina ngiyakumyala." UMose wenza kanjalo.
2 UJehova wabonakala etendeni esensikeni yefu, insika yefu yema ngasemnyango wetende.
3 UJehova wamyala uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, wathi kuye: "Qina, ume isibindi, ngokuba wena uyakubangenisa abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezweni engalifungela ukubanika lona; mina ngiyakuba nawe."
4 UMose wathi kuJoshuwa: "Qina, ume isibindi, ngokuba uyakwenza abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babe yifa lezwe; uJehova uyakuba nawe; akayikukushiya, akushiye; ungesabi, ungapheli amandla."
5 UMose wabiza bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wathi kubo: "Nibonile konke okuhle uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu akwenzele khona ehlane.
6 Ngakho-ke gcinani wonke amazwi alo mthetho, nihambe ngendlela kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, ningaphambuki endleleni uJehova akuyalile ngayo, ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo.
7 UMose wafundisa abantwana bakwa-Israyeli izimiso nezahlulelo nemithetho ukuba bayenze ezweni, njengalokho uJehova ayemyalile.
8 Wabafundisa indlela yeNkosi nemithetho yayo; bhekani ilotshiwe encwadini yomthetho kaNkulunkulu ayinika abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngesandla sikaMose.
9 Kwathi uMose eseqedile ukuyala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, uJehova wathi kuye: "Khuphukela entabeni yase-Abarimi, ufele khona, ubuthelwe kubantu bakini, njengalokho u-Aroni umfowenu wabuthelwa."
10 UMose wakhuphuka njengalokho uJehova emtshelile; wafela khona ezweni lakwaMowabi ngesiyalezo sikaJehova ngomnyaka wamashumi amane kusukela

ekuphumeni kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezweni laseGibithe.
11 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bamkhalela uMose emathafeni akwaMowabi izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu; izinsuku zokukhala nokumlilela uMose zaphela.

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1 Kwathi emva kokufa kukaMose, uJehova wakhuluma kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, wathi:
2 "Suka uwele iJordani, uye ezweni engibanike lona abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ubenze abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babe yifa lezwe."
3 Yonke indawo lapho amathe ezinyawo zakho eyakunyathela khona iyakuba ngeyenu, kusukela ehlane laseLebanoni kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula i-Ewufrathe ube ngumkhawulo wenu.
4 Akukho muntu oyokuma phambi kwakho zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakho; njengoba nganginaye uMose, nami ngiyoba nawe; qina kuphela, ube nesibindi sokugcina yonke imithetho uMose akuyala ngayo, ungaphambuki endleleni uye ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo, ukuze uphumelele kukho konke okwenzayo.
5 UJoshuwa wayala izikhulu zakwa-Israyeli, wathi: "Dabulani ekamu, niyale abantu, nithi: 'Zilungiseleni umphako, ngokuba ezinsukwini ezintathu nizakuwela iJordani ukuba nidle izwe.' "
6 Izinduna zabantwana bakwa-Israyeli zenze njalo, zayala abantu, zenza konke uJoshuwa ayekuyalile.
7 UJoshuwa wathuma amadoda amabili ukuhlola izwe laseJeriko; amadoda aya ahlola iJeriko.
8 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa bafika kuJoshuwa ekamu, bathi kuye: "UJehova unikele izwe lonke esandleni sethu; abakhileyo kulo baphela amandla ngenxa yethu."
9 Kwathi ngemva kwalokho uJoshuwa wavuka ekuseni kanye no-Israyeli wonke kanye naye, basuka eShithimi, uJoshuwa kanye no-Israyeli wonke kanye naye bawela iJordani; uJoshuwa wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nambili ubudala lapho ewela iJordani no-Israyeli.
10 Abantu bakhuphuka eJordani ngosuku lweshumi lwenyanga yokuqala, bamisa eGiligali ekhoneni elisempumalanga yeJeriko.
11 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bagubha iphasika eGiligali, emathafeni aseJeriko, ngosuku lweshumi nane ngenyanga, njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni kaMose.
12 Imana yaphela ngaleso sikhathi ngosuku olulandelayo lwePhasika, akwabe kusabakho mana kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli; base bedla izithelo zezwe laseKhanani.
13 IJeriko lalivaliwe ngokuphelele phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, kwakungekho muntu ophumayo noma ongena.
14 Kwathi ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga, uJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: "Vuka, bheka, nginikele iJeriko esandleni sakho kanye nabantu balo bonke; bonke abantu bakho bempi bayakuzungeza umuzi kanye ngosuku, wenze njalo izinsuku eziyisithupha."
15 Abapristi bayakushaya amacilongo, lapho nizwa ukukhala kwecilongo, bonke abantu bayakukhamuluka ngokukhamuluka okukhulu, izingange zomuzi zidilike phansi, bonke abantu bakhuphuke, yilowo nalowo alwe nesitha sakhe.
16 UJoshuwa wenza kanjalo njengakho konke uJehova ayemyale ngakho.
17 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa bawuzungeza umuzi kasikhombisa, abapristi bashaya amacilongo.
18 Kwathi ngomzuliswano wesikhombisa, uJoshuwa wathi kubantu: "Memezani, ngokuba uJehova unikele umuzi wonke ezandleni zethu."
19 Umuzi nakho konke okukuwo kuphela kuyakuqalekiswa kuJehova, nizigcine entweni eqalekisiweyo, funa nenze ikamu lakwa-Israyeli libe yinto eqalekisiweyo, nilihluphe.
20 Kodwa lonke isiliva negolide nethusi nensimbi kuzongcweliswa kuJehova, kuzofakwa engcebweni yeNkosi.
21 Abantu bashaya amacilongo, bakhamuluka kakhulu, izindonga zaseJeriko zawa, bonke abantu bakhuphuka, yilowo nalowo waqonda ngqo phambi kwakhe, bawuthatha umuzi, bawubhubhisa konke okwakukuwo, abesilisa nabesifazane, abasha nabadala, izinkabi nezimvu nezimbongolo, ngosiko lwenkemba.
22 Bashisa umuzi wonke ngomlilo; kuphela izitsha zesiliva negolide, nethusi nensimbi, bazifaka engcebweni kaJehova.
23 UJoshuwa wafunga ngaleso sikhathi, wathi: "Makaqalekiswe umuntu owakha iJeriko; uyakubeka isisekelo salo ngokuzalwa yizibulo lakhe, amise amasango alo ngokuzalwa yindodana yakhe encane."
24 U-Akani indodana kaKarmi, indodana kaZabidi, indodana kaZera, indodana kaJuda, wenza ngokukhohlisa entweni eqalekisiweyo, wathatha entweni eqalekisiweyo, wayifihla etendeni; intukuthelo kaJehova yavutha ku-Israyeli.
25 Kwathi ngemva kwalokhu, lapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebebuyile ekushiseni iJeriko, uJoshuwa wathuma amadoda ukuba ayohlola i-Ayi futhi alwe nayo.
26 Amadoda akhuphuka ahlola i-Ayi, abuya athi: "Mabangakhuphuki bonke abantu nawe baye e-Ayi, kuphela makukhuphuke amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezintathu, awuchithe umuzi, ngokuba amadoda akhona ayingcosana."
27 UJoshuwa wenza njalo; kwakhuphuka naye amadoda angaba yizinkulungwane ezintathu kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, alwa namadoda ase-Ayi.
28 Impi yaba nzima ngokumelene no-Israyeli; amadoda ase-Ayi abulala amadoda angamashumi amathathu nesithupha kwa-Israyeli; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babaleka phambi kwamadoda ase-Ayi.
29 UJoshuwa esekubonile lokho, waklebhula izingubo zakhe, wawa ngobuso emhlabathini phambi kukaJehova, yena namalunga akwa-Israyeli, bathela uthuli emakhanda abo.
30 UJoshuwa wathi: "Jehova, wabalethelani laba bantu iJordani na? Ngithini emva kokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebefulathele izitha zabo na?"
31 Ngakho-ke wonke amaKhanani, abakhileyo ezweni, bayakuzwa lokhu, basihaqe, banqume igama lethu.
32 UJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: "Uwelani ngobuso bakho na? Sukuma, suka, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bonile, bathathile okuqalekisiweyo; angisayikuba nabo, uma bengakuchithi okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwabo."

33 UJoshuwa wasukuma, wabutha abantu, waletha i-Urimi ngomyalo kaJehova; isizwe sakwaJuda sathathwa, kwathathwa u-Akani indodana kaKarmi.
34 UJoshuwa wathi ku-Akhani: "Ngitshele ndodana yami, wenzeni?" U-Akhani wathi: "Ngibone phakathi kwempango ingubo enhle yaseShinari namashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amabili, nesigaxa segolide esingamashekeli angamashumi ayisihlanu; ngakufisa, ngakuthatha; bheka, konke kufihliwe emhlabathini phakathi kwetende."
35 UJoshuwa wathuma amadoda, ahamba, awakhipha etendeni lika-Akani, awaletha kuJoshuwa.
36 UJoshuwa wathatha u-Akhani nalezi zinto, namadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe nakho konke okwakungokwakhe, wakuletha esigodini sase-Akori.
37 UJoshuwa wabashisa lapho ngomlilo; bonke abakwa-Israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshe u-Akani, babeka inqwaba yamatshe phezu kwakhe; ngalokho wabiza leyo ndawo ngokuthi isigodi sase-Akori. Intukuthelo kaJehova yadamba, uJoshuwa wafika emzini, walwa nawo.
38 INkosi yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Ungesabi, ungesabi; khangela, nginikele esandleni sakho iAyi, inkosi yayo labantu bayo, njalo uzayenza kubo njengoba wenza eJeriko lenkosini yayo; kodwa impango yayo lezifuyo zayo lizazithathela yona zibe yimpango yenu; beka abacathameli bomuzi ngemva kwawo.
39 UJoshuwa wenza njengezwi likaJehova, wakhetha phakathi kwamadodana empi ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu, wawathuma, aqamekela umuzi.
40 Wabayala wathi: "Uma nisibona sizobaleka phambi kwabo ngobuqili, basixoshe, nisuke lapho niqamekele khona nithathe umuzi."
41 UJoshuwa walwa, amadoda omuzi aphuma aya ku-Israyeli, engazi ukuthi ayebaqamekele ngemuva komuzi.
42 UJoshuwa nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bazishaya sengathi bakhathele phambi kwabo, babaleka ngendlela yasehlane ngobuqili.
43 Amadoda ase-Ayi abutha bonke abantu ababesemzini ukuba baxoshe u-Israyeli; aphuma, adonswa kude nomuzi; akwasala noyedwa, awushiya umuzi uvulekile, abaxosha u-Israyeli.
44 Labo ababeqamekele bavuka ezindaweni zabo, bashesha beza emzini, bawuthatha, bawuthungela ngomlilo; amadoda ase-Ayi aphenduka, bheka umusi womuzi wenyuka waya emazulwini, ayengenandlela yokubaleka ngalapha noma ngalapha.
45 Bonke abantu base-Ayi babephakathi kuka-Israyeli, abanye ngalapha nabanye ngalapha; bababulala, kwaze kwangasala muntu kubo.
46 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bambamba uMeloshi inkosi yase-Ayi ephila, bamyisa kuJoshuwa; uJoshuwa wamlengisa emthini, wafa.
47 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babuyela emzini ngemva kokuwushisa, babulala bonke ababekuwo ngosiko lwenkemba.
48 Inani lalabo abafayo emadodeni ase-Ayi, abesilisa nabesifazane, laliyizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, kuphela izinkomo nempango yomuzi bazithatha, njengezwi likaJehova kuJoshuwa.
49 Onke amakhosi angaphesheya kweJordani, nawo onke amakhosi aseKhanani, ezwa okubi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ababekwenzile kulo iJeriko ne-Ayi, abuthana ndawonye ukulwa no-Israyeli.
50 Abakhileyo eGibeyoni kuphela babesaba kakhulu ukulwa nama-Israyeli funa abhubhe, ngakho benza ngobuqili, beza kuJoshuwa naku-Israyeli wonke, bathi kubo: "Sivela ezweni elikude; ngalokho yenzani isivumelwano nathi."
51 Abakhileyo eGibeyoni babacindezela abantwana bakwa-Israyeli; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benza isivumelwano nabo, benza ukuthula nabo; izikhulu zenhlangano zafunga kubo; kepha kamuva abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bazi ukuthi bangomakhelwane babo nokuthi bahlala phakathi kwabo.
52 Kodwa abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ababababulalanga, ngokuba babefungile kubo uJehova, baba ngabagawuli bezinkuni nabakhi bamanzi.
53 UJoshuwa wathi kubo: "Ningikhohliseleni ukuba nenze lokhu kithi na?" Bamphendula bathi: "Ngokuba izinceku zakho zitsheliwe konke owakwenza kuwo wonke amakhosi ama-Amori, sesaba kakhulu ukuphila kwethu, sakwenza lokho."
54 UJoshuwa wabamisa ngalolo suku ukuba bagawule izinkuni nokukha amanzi, wabahlukanisela ukuba babe yizigqila kuzo zonke izizwe zakwa-Israyeli.
55 Kwathi u-Adonizedeki inkosi yaseJerusalema ezwa konke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ababekwenzile eJeriko nase-Ayi, wathumela kuHohamu inkosi yaseHebroni nakuPiramu inkosi yaseJarimuthi, nakuJafiya inkosi yaseLakishi nakuDeberi inkosi yase-Egiloni, wathi:
56 Khuphukelani kimi ningisize, ukuze sibulale abantwana bakwa-Israyeli nabakhileyo eGibeyoni abenze ukuthula nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli."
57 Bahlangana ndawonye, amakhosi amahlanu ama-Amori akhuphuka nawo wonke amakamu awo, abantu abaningi ngangesihlabathi sogwini lolwandle.
58 Onke la makhosi afika, amisa phambi kweGibeyoni, aqala ukulwa nabakhileyo eGibeyoni; bonke abantu baseGibeyoni bathumela kuJoshuwa, bathi: "Khuphukelani kithi masinyane, nisisize, ngokuba onke amakhosi ama-Amori abuthene ukulwa nathi."
59 UJoshuwa nabo bonke abantu bempi bakhuphuka besuka eGiligali, uJoshuwa wafika kubo ngokuzumayo, wabulala lawo makhosi amahlanu ngokuceka okukhulu.
60 UJehova wabadumaza phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ababababulala ngokuceka okukhulu eGibeyoni, babaxosha ngendlela ekhuphukela eBeti Horoni ukuya eMakheda, babaleka phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
61 Kwathi besaba, iNkosi yathumela phezu kwabo amatshe esichotho evela ezulwini, futhi abaningi babo bafa ngamatshe esichotho, kunababulawa abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
62 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babaxosha, baqhubeka nokubashaya endleleni, beqhubeka nokubashaya.
63 Kwathi sebebashaya, ilanga lase lishona kusihlwa, uJoshuwa wathi emehlweni abantu bonke: "Langa, yima phezu kweGibeyoni, nawe nyanga esigodini sase-Ajaloni, kuze kube yilapho isizwe sesiziphindiselele ezitheni zaso."
64 UJehova walilalela izwi likaJoshuwa, ilanga lema phakathi kwamazulu, lama imizuzu engamashumi amathathu nesithupha, nenyanga nayo yema yathula, ayisheshanga ukushona usuku lonke.

65 Akukho usuku olufana nalolo, ngaphambi kwalo noma ngemva kwalo, lapho uJehova elalela khona izwi lomuntu, ngokuba uJehova walwela u-Israyeli.

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1 UJoshuwa wayesekhuluma leli hubo mhla uJehova enikela ama-Amori esandleni sikaJoshuwa nasesandleni sabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wathi phambi kwamehlo abo bonke abakwa-Israyeli:
2 Wena wenzile izinto ezinkulu, Nkosi, wena wenzile izinto ezinkulu; ngubani onjengawe? Izindebe zami ziyakuhlabelela igama lakho.
3 Ubuhle bami nenqaba yami, umbhoshongo wami ophakeme, ngizokuhlabelela ingoma entsha, ngizokuhlabelela ngokubonga, wena ungamandla ensindiso yami.
4 Onke amakhosi omhlaba ayakukudumisa, izikhulu zomhlaba ziyakuhlabelela ngawe, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bayakujabula ngensindiso yakho, bahlabelele, badumise amandla akho.
5 Sithembele kuwe, Nkosi; sithi unguNkulunkulu wethu, ngokuba ubuyisiphephelo sethu nombhoshongo wethu oqinileyo ezitheni zethu.
6 Sakhala kuwe, asizange sibe namahloni; sathembela kuwe, sakhululwa; lapho sikhala kuwe, wezwa izwi lethu, wasindisa imiphefumulo yethu enkembeni, wasibonisa umusa wakho, wasinika insindiso yakho, wajabulisa izinhliziyo zethu ngamandla akho.
7 Waphumela ukusindisa kwethu, wahlenga abantu bakho ngengalo yakho; wasiphendula usezulwini lakho elingcwele, wasisindisa ezinkulungwaneni eziyishumi zabantu.
8 Ilanga nenyanga kwema ezulwini, wena wema ngolaka lwakho ngokumelene nabacindezeli bethu, wayala izahlulelo zakho phezu kwabo.
9 Zonke izikhulu zomhlaba zasukuma, amakhosi ezizwe abuthana ndawonye; awazange ashukunyiswe nguwe, afisa izimpi zakho.
10 Wabavukela ngentukuthelo yakho, wehlisela ulaka lwakho phezu kwabo; wababhubhisa ngentukuthelo yakho, wabanquma enhliziyweni yakho.
11 Izizwe ziyachithwa ngolaka lwakho, imibuso iyawa ngenxa yolaka lwakho, wena owachoboza amakhosi ngosuku lolaka lwakho.
12 Wathulula ukufutheka kwakho phezu kwabo, intukuthelo yakho evuthayo yababamba; wabuyisela ububi babo phezu kwabo, wabaqeda ngobubi babo.
13 Bendlale umgibe, bawela kuwo; embulebeni abalifihlile, unyawo lwabo lwabanjwa.
14 Isandla sakho sasilungele zonke izitha zakho ezathi: “Ngenkemba yabo badla ifa lezwe, nangengalo yabo bahlala emzini; wagcwalisa ubuso babo ngehlazo, wehlisela phansi izimpondo zabo, wabathusa ngentukuthelo yakho, wababhubhisa ngentukuthelo yakho.”
15 Umhlaba wazamazama ngomsindo wesiphepho sakho phezu kwabo; awuzange ugodle imiphefumulo yabo ekufeni, wehlisela ukuphila kwabo ethuneni.
16 Wabaxosha esivunguvungwini sakho, wabaqeda ngesivunguvungu sakho, waphendula imvula yabo yaba yisichotho, bawa emigodini ejulileyo, abakwazanga ukuvuka.
17 Izidumbu zabo zazinjengezibi ezilahliwe phakathi kwemigwaqo.
18 Baqedwa babhujiswa ngentukuthelo yakho, wasindisa abantu bakho ngamandla akho.
19 Ngakho-ke izinhliziyo zethu ziyathokoza ngawe, imiphefumulo yethu iyathokoza ngensindiso yakho.
20 Izilimi zethu ziyakulandisa ngamandla akho, sizohlabelela, sidumise imisebenzi yakho emangalisayo.
21 Ngoba usisindise ezitheni zethu, wasisindisa kulabo abasivukelayo, wababhubhisa phambi kwethu, wabacindezela phansi kwezinyawo zethu.
22 Ngakho-ke zonke izitha zakho ziyakubhubha, Nkosi, nababi bayoba njengamakhoba aqhutshwa ngumoya, nabathandekayo bakho bayoba njengemithi etshalwe ngasemanzini.
23 UJoshuwa nabo bonke abakwa-Israyeli kanye naye babuyela ekamu laseGiligali, sebewanqobile onke amakhosi, akusalanga muntu kuwo.
24 Amakhosi amahlanu abaleka ngezinyawo eyedwa empini, acasha emhumeni; uJoshuwa wawafuna ensimini yempi, kepha akawatholanga.
25 Kwathi kamuva kwabikwa kuJoshuwa ukuthi: “Amakhosi atholakale, bheka, afihliwe emhumeni.”
26 UJoshuwa wathi: “Misani amadoda ukuba ahlale ngasemnyango womhume, abalinde, funa bazithumbe.” Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli benze njalo.
27 UJoshuwa wabiza wonke u-Israyeli, wathi ezinduneni zempi: “Bekani izinyawo zenu ezintanyeni zala makhosi.” UJoshuwa wathi: “UJehova uyakwenza kanjalo kuzo zonke izitha zenu.”
28 UJoshuwa wayala ngemva kwalokho ukuba babulale amakhosi, bawaphonse emhumeni, babeke amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni womhume.
29 UJoshuwa wahamba nabo bonke abantu ababenaye ngalolo suku, waya eMakheda, walichitha ngosiko lwenkemba.
30 Wabhubhisa bonke abantu nabo bonke ababesemzini, wenza enkosini nakubantu bakhona njengalokho akwenzile eJeriko.
31 Wasuka lapho, waya eLibina, walwa nalo; uJehova walinikela esandleni sakhe; uJoshuwa walichitha ngosiko lwenkemba, nabo bonke abakulo, wenza kulo nasenkosini yalo njengalokho ebenzile kulo iJeriko.
32 Wasuka lapho wadlulela eLakishi ukuyolwa nalo; uHoramu inkosi yaseGaza wenyuka ukusiza abantu baseLakishi; uJoshuwa wambulala yena nabantu bakhe, kwaze kwangasala muntu kuye.
33 UJoshuwa wathatha iLakishi nabo bonke abantu balo, wenza kulo njengalokho ebenzile kulo iLibina.
34 UJoshuwa wasuka lapho, waya e-Egiloni, walithatha nalo, walichitha ngosiko lwenkemba kanye nabo bonke abantu balo.
35 Wasuka lapho wadlulela eHebroni, walwa nalo, walithatha, walichitha; wabuya lapho, yena no-Israyeli wonke, waya eDebiri, walwa nalo, walishaya ngosiko lwenkemba.
36 Wabhubhisa bonke abakuyo, akashiyanga noyedwa owasalayo, wenza kulo nasenkosini yalo njengalokho ebenzile kulo iJeriko.

37 UJoshuwa wawachitha onke amakhosi ama-Amori kusukela eKadeshi-Barineya kuze kube se-Aza, wathatha izwe lawo ngaso leso sikhathi, ngokuba uJehova wayelwele u-Israyeli.
38 UJoshuwa kanye no-Israyeli wonke bafika ekamu eGiligali.
39 Ngaleso sikhathi uJabini inkosi yaseHazori wezwa konke uJoshuwa ayekwenzile emakhosini ama-Amori, uJabini wathumela kuJobati inkosi yakwaMidiyani, nakuLabani inkosi yaseShimroni, nakuJefali inkosi yase-Akishafi, nakuwo onke amakhosi ama-Amori, wathi:
40 Woza masinyane kithi usisize, ukuze sibanqobe abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bengakafiki kithi, benze kithi njengalokho abenze kwamanye amakhosi ama-Amori."
41 Onke la makhosi alalela amazwi kaJabini, inkosi yaseHazori, aphuma nawo wonke amakamu awo, amakhosi ayishumi nesikhombisa, abantu bawo babebaningi njengesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle, kanye namahhashi nezinqola ezingenakubalwa, afika amisa ndawonye emanzini aseMeromu, ahlangana ndawonye ukulwa no-Israyeli.
42 UJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: "Ungabesabi, ngokuba kusasa ngalesi sikhathi ngizakubanikela bonke bebulewe phambi kwakho; uzakusika amahhashi abo imisipha, ushise izinqola zabo ngomlilo."
43 UJoshuwa kanye nawo onke amadoda empi babafikela ngokuzumayo, babashaya, bawela ezandleni zabo, ngokuba uJehova wayebanikele esandleni sabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
44 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli baxosha onke lawo makhosi namakamu awo, bawabulala, kwaze kwangasala muntu kuwo; uJoshuwa wenza kubo njengalokho uJehova emtshelile.
45 UJoshuwa wabuyela eHazori ngaleso sikhathi, walishaya ngenkemba, wabhubhisa yonke imiphefumulo eyayikulo, walishisa ngomlilo; uJoshuwa wasuka eHazori, wadlulela eShimroni, walishaya waliqeda nya.
46 Ukusuka lapho wadlulela e-Akishafi, wenza kukho njengoba nje ayenzile eShimroni.
47 Ukusuka lapho wadlulela e-Adulamu, wabulala bonke ababekuyo, wenza e-Adulamu njengalokho ebenzile ku-Akishafu naseShimroni.
48 Wadlula esuka kubo waya kuyo yonke imizi yamakhosi ayewanqobile, wabulala bonke abantu ababesele kuwo, wababhubhisa ngokuphelele.
49 Ama-Israyeli azithathela impango nezinkomo kuphela, kodwa bonke abantu abababulala abavumanga ukuba baphile.
50 Njengoba uJehova ayemyalile uMose, uJoshuwa nabo bonke abakwa-Israyeli benze njalo, abahlulekanga ngalutho.
51 Ngakho uJoshuwa nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli banqoba izwe lonke laseKhanani njengalokho uJehova ayebayalile, babulala onke amakhosi abo, amakhosi angamashumi amathathu nanye, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bathatha izwe labo lonke.
52 Ngaphandle kwemibuso kaSihoni no-Ogi engaphesheya kweJordani, lapho uMose anqoba khona imizi eminingi, uMose wayinika abakwaRubeni nabakwaGadi nengxenye yesizwe sakwaManase.
53 UJoshuwa wawanqoba onke amakhosi ayengaphesheya kweJordani ngasentshonalanga, wawanika ifa lezizwe eziyisishiyagalolunye nengxenye yesizwe sakwa-Israyeli.
54 UJoshuwa walwa nala makhosi iminyaka emihlanu, wanika ama-Israyeli imizi yawo, izwe lazola ngenxa yempi kulo lonke elasemizini yama-Amori namaKhanani.

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1 Ngaleso sikhathi ngomnyaka wesihlanu emva kokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bewele iJordani, emva kokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebephumule empini namaKhanani, ngaleso sikhathi kwavela ukulwa okukhulu nokunzima phakathi kuka-Edomi nabantwana bakwaKitimi; abantwana bakwaKitimi balwa no-Edomi.
2 U-Abiyanusi inkosi yaseKitimi waphuma ngalowo nyaka, okungukuthi ngonyaka wamashumi amathathu nanye wokubusa kwakhe, nebutho elikhulu kanye naye lamaqhawe akwaKitimi, waya eSeyiri ukuyolwa nabantwana bakwa-Esawu.
3 UHadadi inkosi yakwa-Edomi wezwa ngombiko wakhe, waphuma ukuyomhlangabeza enesixuku esikhulu nebutho elinamandla, walwa naye ensimini yakwa-Edomi.
4 Isandla sikaKitimi saba namandla phezu kwabantwana bakwa-Esawu; abantwana bakwaKitimi babulala kubantwana bakwa-Esawu abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili; bonke abantwana bakwa-Esawu babaleka phambi kwabo.
5 Abantwana baseKitimi babaxosha, bafika kuHadadi inkosi yakwa-Edomi, owayegijima phambi kwabo, bambamba ephila, bamyisa ku-Abhiyanusi inkosi yaseKitimi.
6 U-Abiyanus wayala ukuba abulawe, uHadadi inkosi yakwa-Edomi wafa ngonyaka wamashumi amane nesishiyagalombili wokubusa kwakhe.
7 Abantwana baseKitimi baqhubeka nokuxosha u-Edomi, bababulala ngokuceka okukhulu, u-Edomi waba ngaphansi kwabantwana baseKitimi.
8 Abantwana baseKitimi babusa phezu kuka-Edomi, u-Edomi waba ngaphansi kwesandla sabantwana baseKitimi, waba umbuso owodwa kusukela ngalolo suku.
9 Kusukela ngaleso sikhathi babengasakwazi ukuphakamisa amakhanda abo, umbuso wabo waba munye nabantwana baseKitimi.
10 U-Abiyanus wabeka izikhulu e-Edomi futhi bonke abantwana bakwa-Edomi baba yizigqila futhi bakhonza ngaphansi kuka-Abiyanus, u-Abiyanus wabuyela ezweni lakhe, iKitimi.
11 Lapho ebuya wavuselela umbuso wakhe wazakhela isigodlo esikhulu nesiqinileyo sokuba yindlu yobukhosi, wabusa ngokuphepha phezu kwabantwana baseKitimi naphezu kuka-Edomi.
12 Ngalezo zinsuku, ngemva kokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli sebexoshile wonke amaKhanani nama-Amori, uJoshuwa wayesemdala eneminyaka emininingi.
13 UJehova wathi kuJoshuwa: "Usumdala, usukhulile, futhi kusasele ingxenye enkulu yezwe ukuba idliwe."
14 Ngakho-ke yabela leli zwe libe yifa lezizwe eziyisishiyagalolunye nengxenye yesizwe sakwaManase, uJoshuwa wasukuma wenza njengalokho uJehova emtshelile.

15 Wabela izizwe zakwa-Israyeli lonke izwe njengefa ngokwezabelo zazo.
16 Kodwa isizwe sakwaLevi akasinikanga ifa; iminikelo kaJehova yayiyifa labo, njengalokho uJehova ekhulumile ngabo ngesandla sikaMose.
17 UJoshuwa wanika uKalebi indodana kaJefune iNtaba iHebroni isabelo esisodwa ngaphezu kwabafowabo, njengalokho uJehova ekhulumile ngoMose.
18 Ngakho iHebroni laba yifa likaKalebi nabantwana bakhe kuze kube namuhla.
19 UJoshuwa wabela u-Israyeli wonke izwe ngenkatho, laba yifa lakhe, njengalokho uJehova ayemyalile.
20 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli banika amaLevi imizi evela efeni labo, namadlelo ezinkomo zabo, nempahla yabo, njengalokho uJehova ayemyalile uMose, benze njalo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli; bahlukanisa izwe ngenkatho, noma likhulu noma lincane.
21 Bangena ukuyodla ifa lezwe ngokwemikhawulo yabo; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bamnika uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni ifa phakathi kwabo.
22 Ngezwi likaJehova bamnika umuzi awufunayo, iThimnati Seraki ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi; wakha umuzi, wahlala kuwo.
23 Lawa ngamafa u-Elazeri umpristi noJoshuwa indodana kaNuni nezinhloko zawoyise bezizwe abawabela abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ngenkatho eShilo phambi kukaJehova ngasemnyango wetabernakele, bayeka ukuwabela izwe.
24 UJehova wanika abantwana bakwa-Israyeli izwe, balithatha, njengalokho uJehova ebekhulumile kubo, nanjengoba uJehova ebefungile koyise.
25 UJehova wapha ama-Israyeli ukuphumula kuzo zonke izitha zawo ezaziwazungezile, akwabakho muntu owamelana nawo, uJehova wanikela zonke izitha zawo esandleni sawo, akukho lutho olulodwa oluhle kukho konke uJehova ayekukhulumile kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, yebo, uJehova wakwenza konke.
26 UJoshuwa wabiza bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, wababusisa, wabayala ukuba bakhonze uJehova; wayesebamukisa, bahamba, kwaba yilowo nalowo waya emzini wakubo, yilowo nalowo waya efeni lakhe.
27 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bamkhonza uJehova zonke izinsuku zikaJoshuwa; uJehova wabapha ukuphumula nxazonke zabo, bahlala ngokulondeka emizini yabo.
28 Kwathi ngalezo zinsuku, u-Abiyanus inkosi yaseKitimi wafa, ngonyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili wokubusa kwakhe, okungumnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa kwakhe phezu kuka-Edomi, bamngcwaba endaweni yakhe ayeyakhele yona, uLatinus wabusa esikhundleni sakhe iminyaka engamashumi amahlanu.
29 Ngesikhathi sokubusa kwakhe waletha ibutho, wahamba walwa nabakhileyo eBritannia naseKernania, abantwana baka-Elisha indodana kaJavani, wabanqoba, wabenza iziboshwa.
30 Wabe esezwa ukuthi u-Edomi uvukele phansi kwesandla sikaKitimi, uLatinisi waya kubo, wabashaya, wabanqoba, wababeka phansi kwesandla sabantwana bakwaKitimi, u-Edomi waba umbuso owodwa nabantwana bakwaKitimi zonke izinsuku.
31 Futhi iminyaka emininga kwakungekho nkosi kwa-Edomi, futhi umbuso wabo wawukanye nabantwana baseKitimi nenkosi yabo.
32 Kwathi ngonyaka wamashumi amabili nesithupha emva kokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bewele iJordani, lowo ngumnyaka wamashumi ayisithupha nesithupha ngemva kokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bephumile eGibhithe, uJoshuwa wayesemdala, eneminyaka eyikhulu nesishiyagalombili ngalezo zinsuku.
33 UJoshuwa wabiza wonke u-Israyeli, amalunga akhe, abahluleli bakhe, nezikhulu zakhe, lapho uJehova esenike wonke u-Israyeli ukuphumula kuzo zonke izitha zakhe nxazonke, uJoshuwa wathi kumalunga akwa-Israyeli nakubahluleli bakhe: “Bhekani, sengimdala, ngineminyaka emininga; nibonile lokho uJehova akwenzile kuzo zonke izizwe azixoshile phambi kwenu, ngokuba uJehova unilwele.”
34 Ngakho-ke ziqiniseni ukugcina nokwenza wonke amazwi omthetho kaMose, ningaphambuki kuwo ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo, ningangeni phakathi kwalezo zizwe ezisele ezweni, ningakhulumi ngamagama onkulunkulu bazo, kepha ninamathele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, njengalokhu nenzile kuze kube namuhla.
35 UJoshuwa wabakhuthaza kakhulu abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuba bakhonze uJehova izinsuku zabo zonke.
36 Bonke abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bathi: “Siyakumkhonza uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu zonke izinsuku zethu, thina nabantwana bethu, nabantwana babantwana bethu, nenzalo yethu kuze kube phakade.”
37 UJoshuwa wenza isivumelwano nabantu ngalolo suku, wabamukisa abantwana bakwa-Israyeli; bahamba, kwaba yilowo nalowo waya efeni lakhe nasemzini wakubo.
38 Kwathi ngalezo zinsuku, lapho abantwana bakwa-Israyeli behlala ngokuphepha emizini yabo, bangcwaba amabhokisi ezizwe zawoyise ababewakhuphulile eGibhithe, yilowo nalowo efeni labantwana bakhe, amadodana ayishumi nambili kaJakobe angcwatshwa ngabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, yilowo nalowo efeni labantwana bakhe.
39 Lawa angamagama emizi lapho bangcwatshwa khona amadodana ayishumi nambili kaJakobe, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ababekhuphule eGibithe.
40 Bangcwaba oRubeni noGadi ngaphesheya kweJordani, eRomiya, uMose ayebanike abantwana babo.
41 OSimeyoni noLevi bangcwatshwa emzini iMauda, awunika abantwana bakwaSimeyoni; idlelo lomuzi lalingelabantwana bakwaLevi.
42 UJuda bammbela emzini wakwaBenjamini malungana neBetlehema.
43 Amathambo ka-Isakare nakaZebuloni bawangcwaba eSidoni, endaweni eyabelwe abantwana babo.
44 UDani wangcwatshwa emzini wabantwana bakhe e-Eshitayeli; uNafetali no-Asheri bangcwatshwa eKadeshi Nafetali, yilowo nalowo endaweni yakhe ayinike abantwana bakhe.
45 Amathambo kaJosefa bawangcwaba eShekemi, engxenyeni yensimu uJakobe ayithenga kuHamori, eyaba yifa likaJosefa.
46 Bamngcwaba uBenjamini eJerusalema phambi kwamaJebusi anikwa abantwana bakwaBenjamini;

abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bangcwaba oyise, kwaba yilowo nalowo emzini wabantwana bakhe.
47 Ekupheleni kweminyaka emibili uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wafa, eneminyaka eyikhulu neshumi ubudala, isikhathi uJoshuwa ahlulela ngaso u-Israyeli sasiyiminyaka engamashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili; u-Israyeli wamkhonza uJehova zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakhe.
48 Ezinye izindaba zikaJoshuwa, izimpi zakhe, nezixwayiso zakhe asola ngazo u-Israyeli, nakho konke ayebayale ngakho, namagama emizi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abayithatha ezinsukwini zakhe, bheka kulotshiwe encwadini yamazwi kaJoshuwa kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, nasencwadini yezimpi zeNkosi, eyabhalwa nguMose noJoshuwa nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.
49 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bammbela uJoshuwa emkhawulweni wefa lakhe eThimnati Seraki, ayelinikwe yena ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi.
50 U-Elazeri indodana ka-Aroni wafa ngalezo zinsuku; bammbela entabeni kaFinehasi indodana yakhe, ayiphiwe ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi.

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1 Ngaleso sikhathi, ngemva kokufa kukaJoshuwa, abantwana bamaKhanani babesekhona ezweni, abakwa-Israyeli bazimisela ukubaxosha.
2 Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli babuza kuJehova, bathi: “Ngubani oyakusikhuphukelela kumaKhanani kuqala ukuba alwe nawo na?” UJehova wathi: “Makakhuphuke uJuda.”
3 Abantwana bakwaJuda bathi kuSimeyoni: “Khuphuka nathi, siye esabelweni sethu, silwe namaKhanani, nathi sikhuphuke nawe esabelweni sakho.” Ngakho abantwana bakwaSimeyoni bahamba nabantwana bakwaJuda.
4 Abantwana bakwaJuda bakhuphuka balwa namaKhanani; uJehova wawanikela amaKhanani esandleni sabantwana bakwaJuda, bawabulala eBezeki, amadoda ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi.
5 Balwa no-Adonibezeki eBezeki, wabaleka phambi kwabo; bamxosha, bambamba, banquma izithupha zakhe nezinzwane zakhe ezinkulu.
6 U-Adonibezeki wathi: “Amakhosi angamashumi ayisikhombisa anqunyiwe izithupha zawo nezinzwane ezinkulu, ayeqoqa ukudla kwawo ngaphansi kwetafula lami, njengoba nami ngenzile, uNkulunkulu ungiphindisele kanjalo, amletha eJerusalema, wafela khona.”
7 Abantwana bakwaSimeyoni bahamba nabantwana bakwaJuda, bawabulala amaKhanani ngosiko lwenkemba.
8 UJehova wayenabantwana bakwaJuda, balithatha izintaba; abantwana bakwaJosefa bakhuphukela eBethele, eliyiLuze; uJehova wayenabo.
9 Abantwana bakwaJosefa bahlola iBethele; abalindi babona umuntu ephuma emzini, bambamba, bathi kuye: “Sitshengise indlela yokungena emzini, siyakukwenzela umusa.”
10 Lowo muntu wabakhombisa indlela yokungena emzini, abantwana bakwaJosefa bafika bawushaya umuzi ngosiko lwenkemba.
11 Bamthumela lowo muntu nomndeni wakhe, waya kumaHeti, wakha umuzi, wawuqamba ngokuthi iLuzi, ngakho wonke ama-Israyeli ahlala emizini yawo, nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahlala emizini yawo, abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bakhonza uJehova zonke izinsuku zikaJoshuwa, nazo zonke izinsuku zabadala, ababesele isikhathi eside ngemva kukaJoshuwa, futhi bebona umsebenzi omkhulu weNkosi ayewenzele u-Israyeli.
12 Amalunga ahlulela u-Israyeli emva kokufa kukaJoshuwa iminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa.
13 Bonke abadala balwa izimpi zakwa-Israyeli namaKhanani; uJehova wawaxosha amaKhanani phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ukuze abeke ama-Israyeli ezweni lawo.
14 Wagcwalisa wonke amazwi akhe awakhuluma ku-Abrahama, ku-Isaka, nakuJakobe, nesifungo ayesifungile, ukubanika sona nabantwana babo, izwe lamaKhanani.
15 UJehova wabanika abantwana bakwa-Israyeli izwe lonke laseKhanani, njengalokho afunga koyise; uJehova wabapha ukuphumula kwababebazungezile; abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bahlala ngokulondeka emizini yabo.
16 Makabongwe uJehova kuze kube phakade, ameni, futhi ameni.
17 Ziqiniseni, futhi izinhliziyo zenu nonke enithemba eNkosini mazibe nesibindi. Ukuphela.